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To Dennis
one of the nicest
guys I know best of
luck always
John Marks

Dennis -
Don't want to wish
you "Rots of Ruck"
& have a great
summer!
Paul
Mosher

Dennis,
all the very
best of luck to the boy
who likes fishing a
lot. It's really been a
panic knowing you
both a freshman and
Sophomore. Only one more
semester and we're
free!! Have a great
summer and keep
up that great
personality
attitude.
Wendy
Davidson

Dennis
Best of luck
& have a
nice summer
Anne Poore

Dennis -
Best of luck in the
future to a real swell
guy.
Fred Dillick

"José"
Dennis.
Best of luck
always
Bob
Keener

Dennis,
It's been nice
knowing you and
I wish you the best
of luck always
Have a nice summer.
Darryl Mudem

I hope it is so
to me to see
you, Dennis, and
hope you
enjoy
fishing a
lot this
summer.
Marty Lewis

Dennis
It's been real nice
knowing you this year.
I hope you see you
next year. Good luck
in everything you do.
Love
Joe

Dennis,
It has been nice knowing
you (I guess). Have fun
this summer in your
own way. You'll
never convert me
Larry Forest

To a nobody from a somebody
Best of luck.
Eric Leerhuber

Dennis,
Best of Luck
Do a very bright boy.
Have a real nice
summer
Linda Mann

Dennis
You're a great guy
keep up the good
work. I know you
will do good in
whatever you do
Don Drake
"Gr 62"

— DENNIS —
THE VERY BEST
ALWAYS. HAVE A GOOD
CREFUL SUMMER.
ALWAYS,
TERRE SCHINDLER
W'62

To José
Good luck
in the A-12 (Will
sure need it). Also
have a groovy summer
Your friend
Eduardo Poe

Dennis —
To a real swell
guy best of luck always
John McPeak

Good Luck
in the future
to a real swell
guy —
Vern Peterson

Dennis —
We beat you in
baseball and speedball
but it was a
lucky win. Best of
luck in whatever
you do.
Your friend!
and adversary
Tony Galt

GOOD LUCK ALWAYS
IN WHATEVER YOU DO.
DENNIS
John Miller

Dennis, real
you're a
great guy. Good
luck in
your endeavors,
best wishes
Dave
Rose

Good luck
always,
Rose
Tony

Best of luck
Since we lost
Alter Bacca
DENNIS HOWARD

Dennis,
Best of luck always to a real sweet guy - even though you do tease me. Hope you have a real nice summer and see you next semester. Sure hope I don't have Thibeault again next semester.
Love & Luck,
George Hanawalt

Dennis -
Best of luck to a real good guy. Have a blast this Summer -
Frank Stevens

You're a lucky soul to have me sign your annual because someday I will be a great man immortal in the hearts of the country because I knew you

Dennis,
To a very nice guy. It's really been fun knowing you since Life Science II. I hope we will remain good friends. Best of Luck in your senior 'A' semester and always. Have fun this summer!
Love,
Patti
P.S. Do you still give that stuff to your pigeons?

Dennis -
It's been fun teaching you in fourth period. Maybe I will see you this summer. Good luck
Stephen Andersen

Best wishes in the B-12 to a real nice guy.
Greg Stevens

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FOREWORD

In the early twentieth century a big and easy-going man earned a place for himself in history books and in the hearts of men. The history of William Howard Taft is long and filled with achievements and heartbreaks. Taft is dead, but he is far from being forgotten, for his name has been placed on an edifice in which he could hold great pride. The new Taft will also be great. Standing on the threshhold of a new life and future indescribable and uncomparable can be envisioned. Many dreams have been incorporated in this construction: the dream of a community's own high school, the dream of a new era of school construction, and the dreams of little children eagerly looking forward to the day when they too can proudly bear the title of "Woodland Hills Toreadors." The old William Howard is dead; the new William Howard will long live with a bright and exciting fervor.

William Howard Taft (Big Bill), our largest president, stood six feet two inches and weighed over 300 pounds. He was the only man in American history to hold the two highest offices in the land: Chief Justiceship of the Supreme Court and the Presidency. Taft won the hard-fought battle for Presidency against William Jennings Bryan to remain in office for one term. He was not happy while in office because he was forced into it by his wife. In June, 1921, Taft succeeded the late Edward D. White as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, but in 1930 ill health forced him to resign. On March 8, 1930, he passed away. Taft has done many beneficial things for America during his political career, and he shall always be remembered in the form of a red brick school on the corner of Ventura and Winnetka Boulevards.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

GETTING TO KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU

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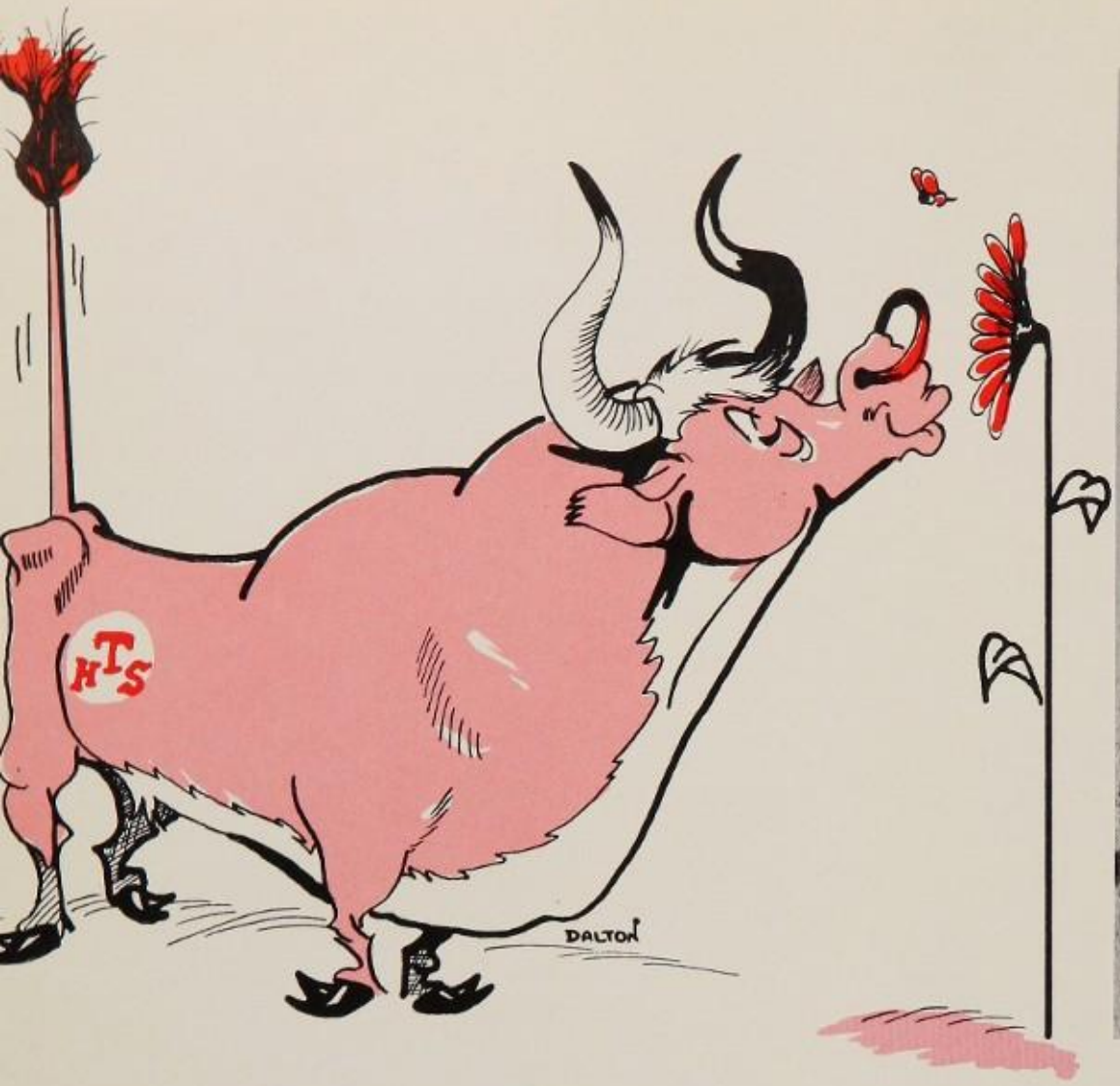
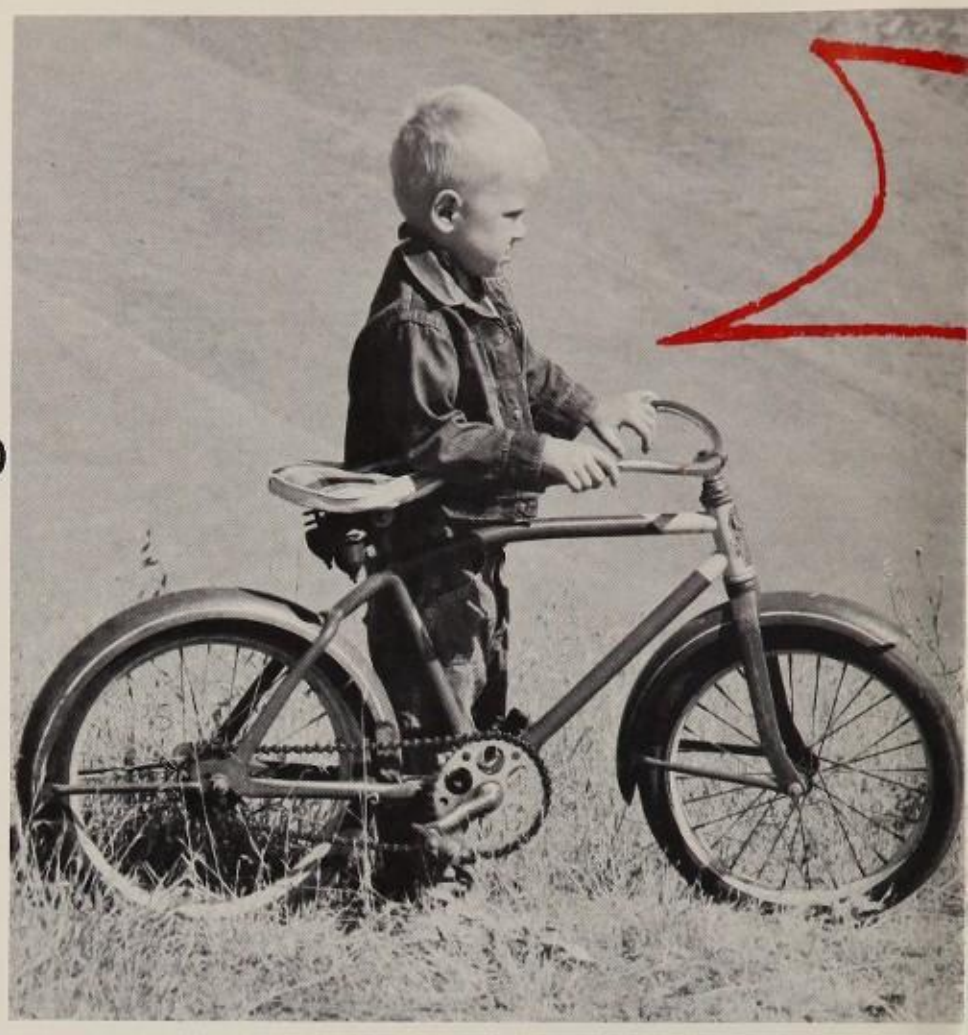
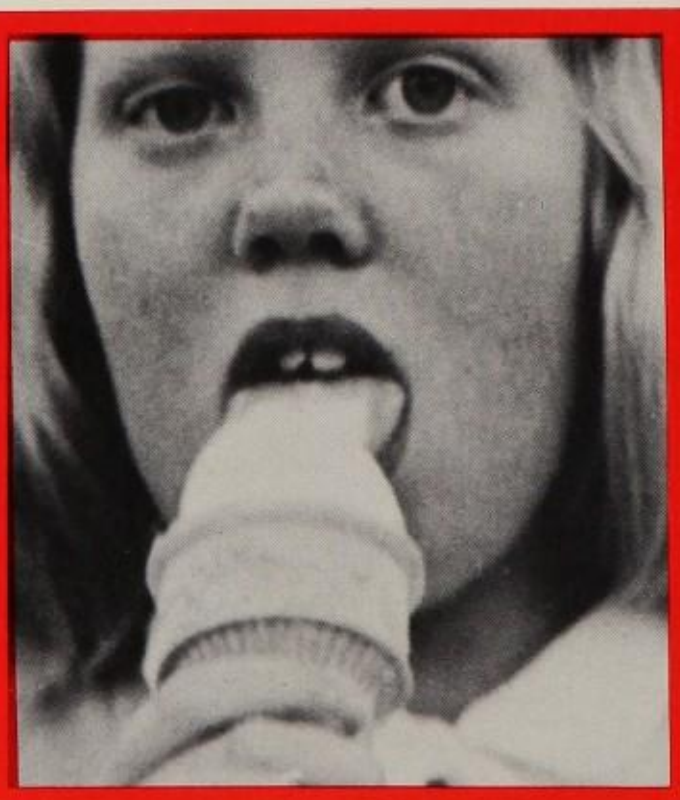
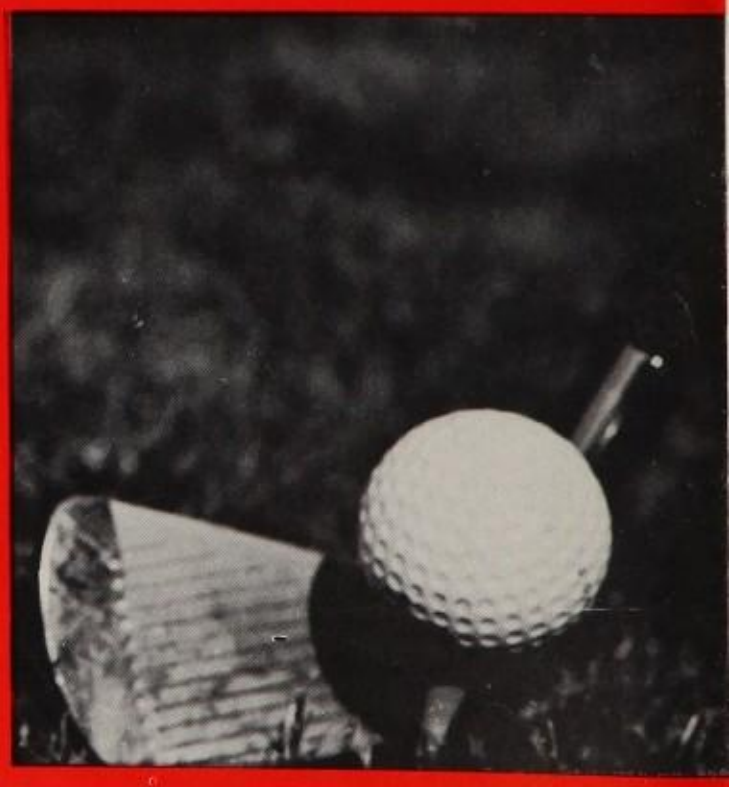




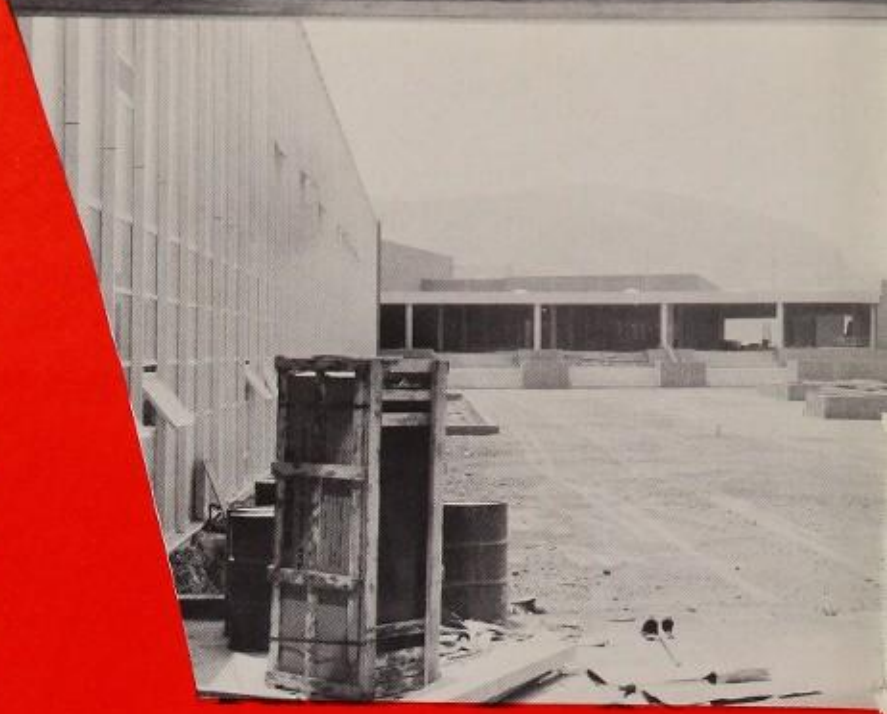
A very short time ago the San Fernando Valley consisted of a wide fertile plain approximately twenty-two miles long. Sited in 1797 and dedicated in honor of Ferdinand, King of Spain, the western part of this valley was a stopping-off place for travelers along El Camino Real. Ranchos began to organize and the westward movement from the pueblo of Los Angeles began in the 1830's. Upon the arrival of 1846 and the end of Mexican rule, the ranchers in the valley began to think more of liberal education. Mayor Stephen C. Foster spoke of his ideas for starting a school for the 500 school-age children then living within the city limits in his inaugural message of 1854. Less than a year later the first public school was started. The Valley grew, and more need arose for schools of all types, until we find the development of Taft.



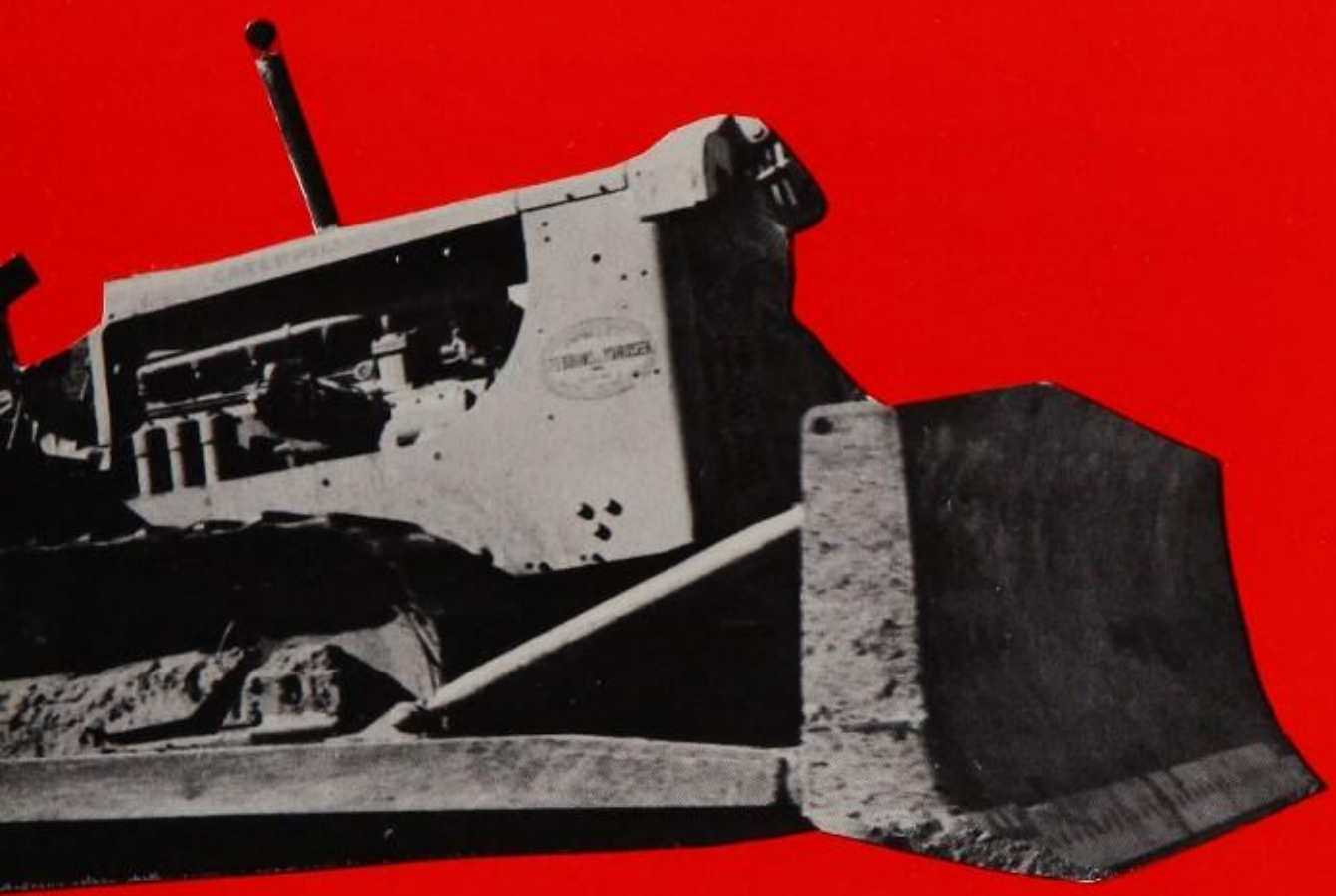


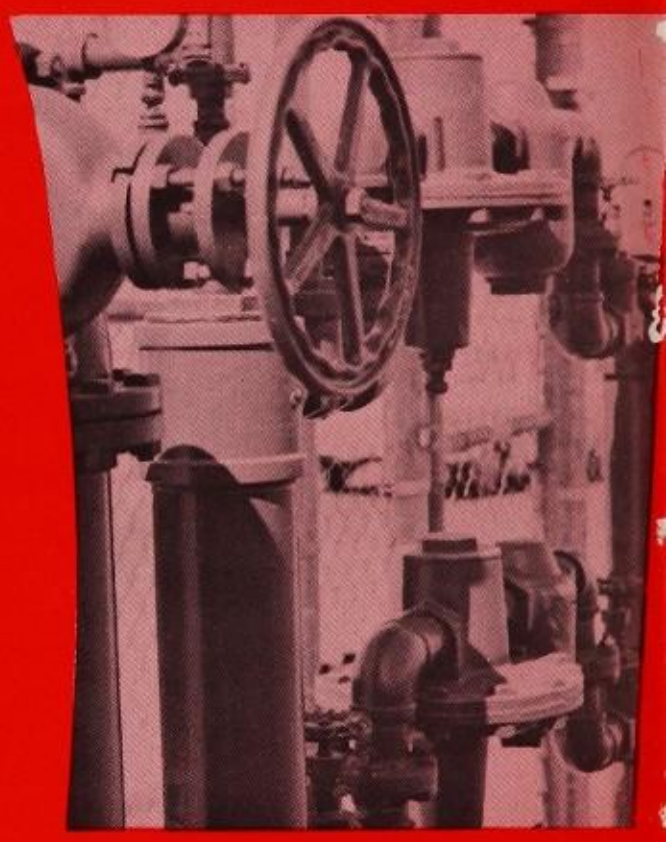
The unique Taft campus as we know it today brings to mind green grass, newly planted trees, and a well-organized and planned layout of beautiful buildings. With these images in mind it is hard to imagine the land wild and wooly, as it was in "rancho days" when herds of cattle and sheep roamed the hills and levels of this site. After rancheros came the era of the farmer, then followed the start of towns and communities, small and undeveloped. The years found a variety of uses for the land. Memories of the Frosty Freeze stand, visited on the way to the beach, and the golf range where lost golf balls were hunted, are also memories of Taft as it used to be. And now another view has come to this 27-acre site in the form of a beautiful and modern high school. The view of the New Taft will someday be a memory in the minds of all present Toreadors, but Taft as a school and as a landmark will live forever in the community.

SUDDENLY I'M BRIGHT AND BREEZY

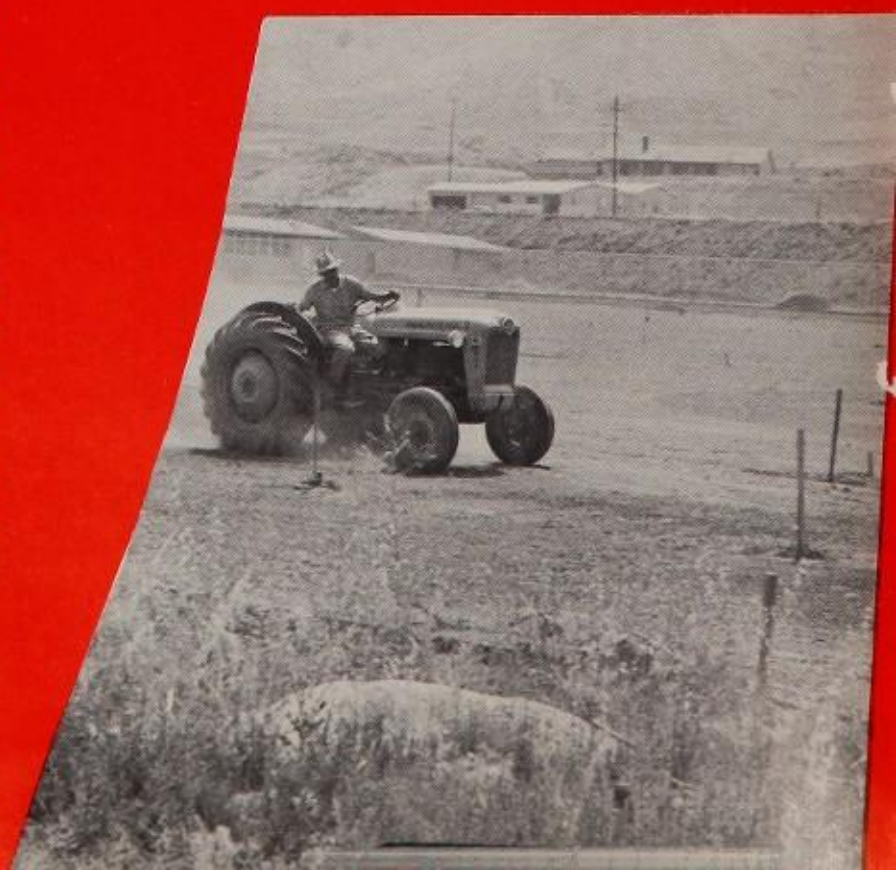


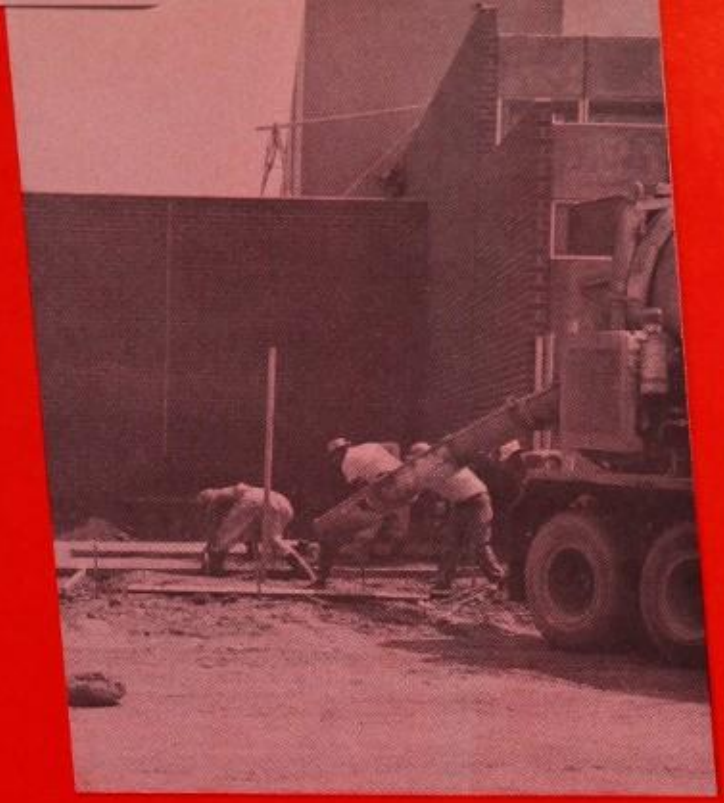
With the rapid growth of the West Valley causing over-crowded situations in the established high schools, plus the upsurge of post-war babies constantly emerging from elementary and junior high schools, it became essential for the educational facilities of one of the largest school districts in the country to increase. For this purpose a 27-acre site on Chalk Hill was designated to locate the future alma mater of 2500 teenagers from the Southwest valley. Immediately following the awarding of the final



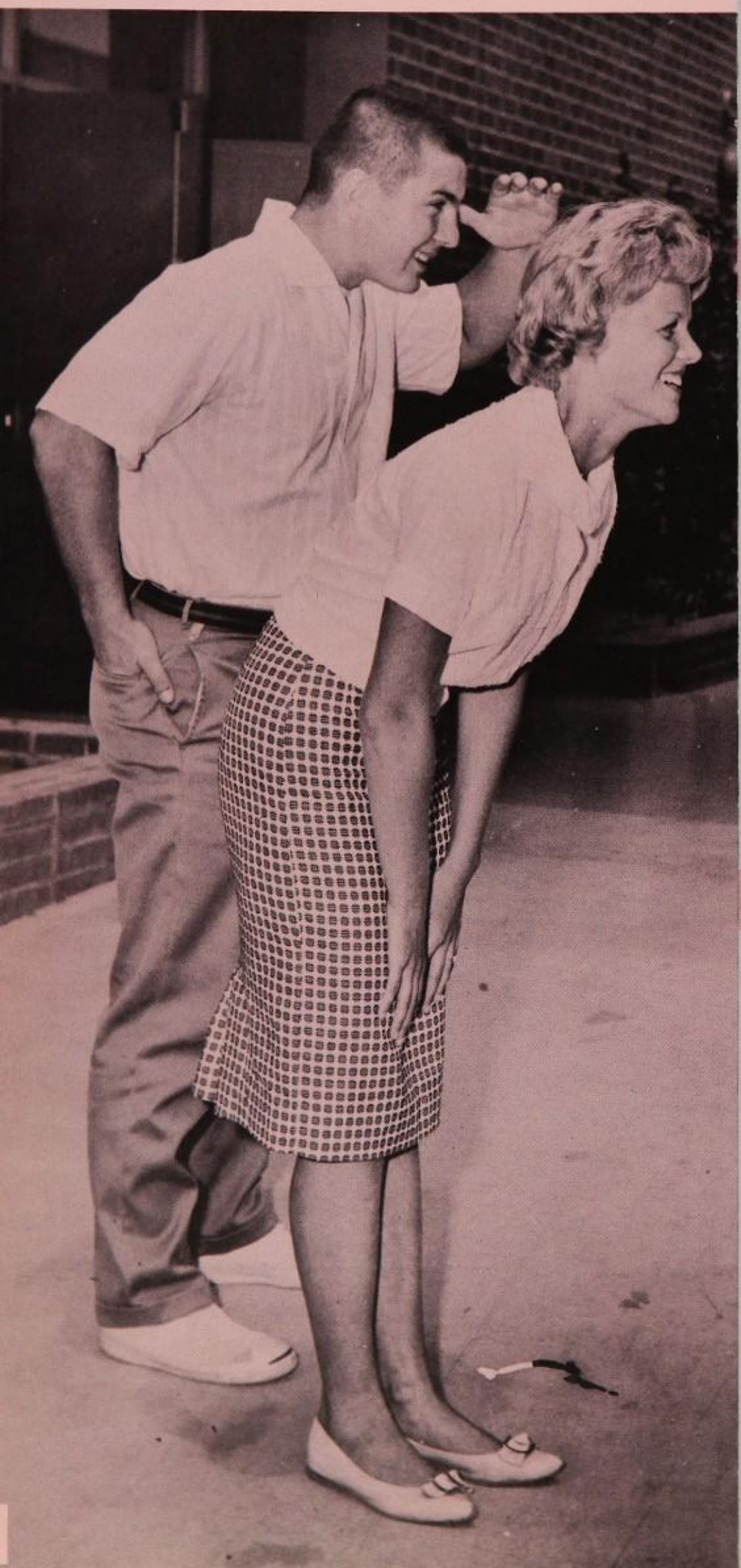


contract in November, 1958, the clearing away of the 200,000 yards of earth necessary to level the 75 foot drop began. Less than two years later the immense amount of brick, aluminum, concrete, glass, and porcelain had been molded into an edifice illustrating extreme uniqueness and showmanship. The $4,169,700 involved in finance did not include land, furniture, or landscaping, which raises the total well above $5 million, averaging $1,667.88 per pupil. Being little more than half the size accepted as standard in California for schools of this type, numerous construction problems arose in the development of this combined experiment in construction techniques and architectural designs. The split-level, two-story buildings exhibit a compactness distributed throughout the school. Added features such as a multi-purpose room, an outdoor stage and quad area, a little theatre, concrete stadium bleachers, an outdoor covered lunch area with overhead radiant heating, and other unique features, also exhibit a new type of design not present in most Senior High Schools. The experiment was successful and resulted in a high school exemplifying high educational standards for the entire district. The resulting institution, named May 20, 1955, is known as William Howard Taft—truly an asset to any community and a beautiful, modern campus in which all present and future Toreadors may forever take great pride.



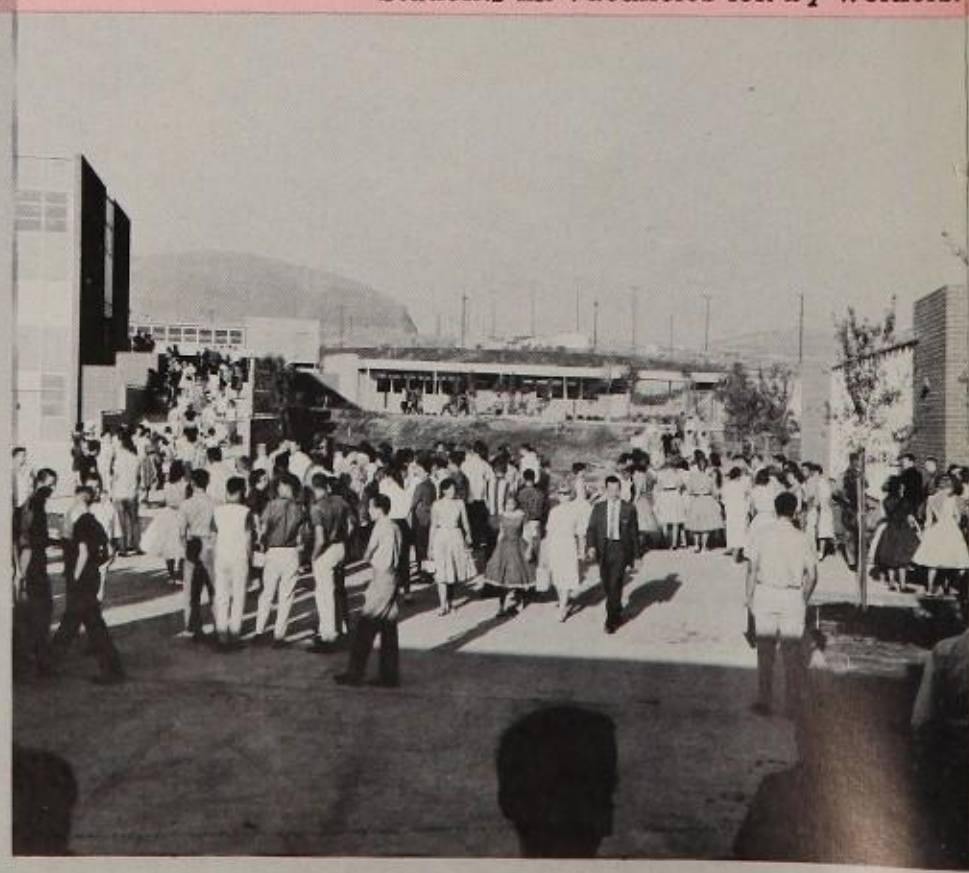


ALL THE BEAUTIFUL AND NEW

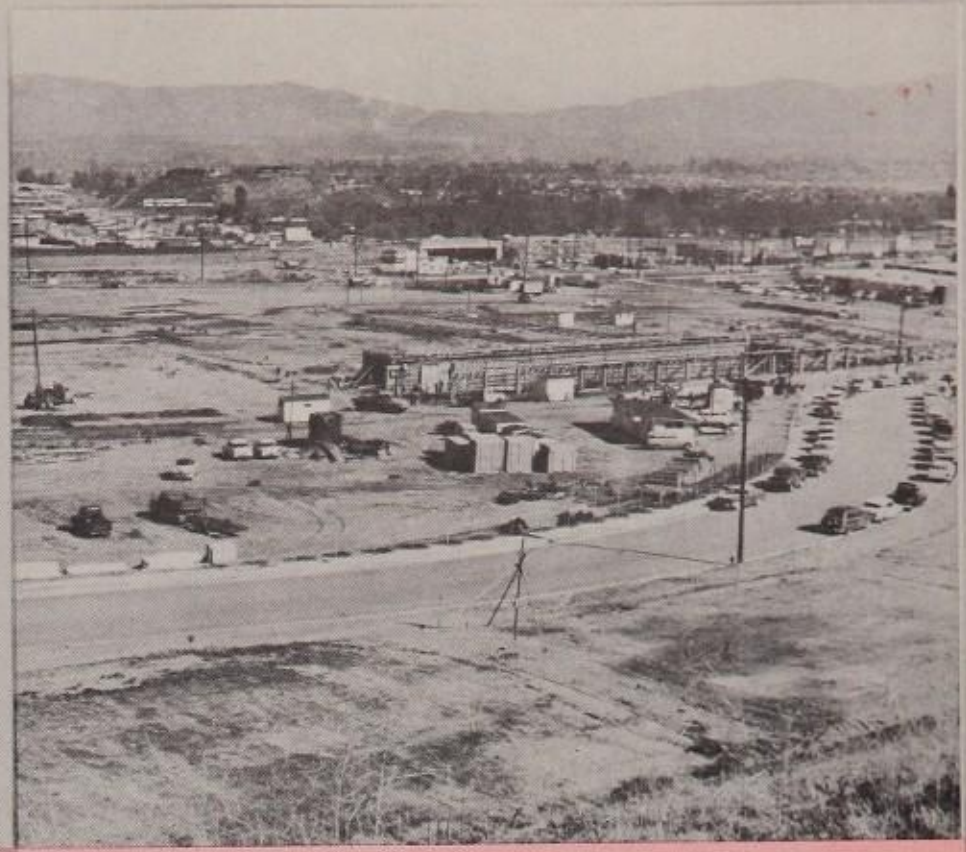


Architects' utopia imagined.

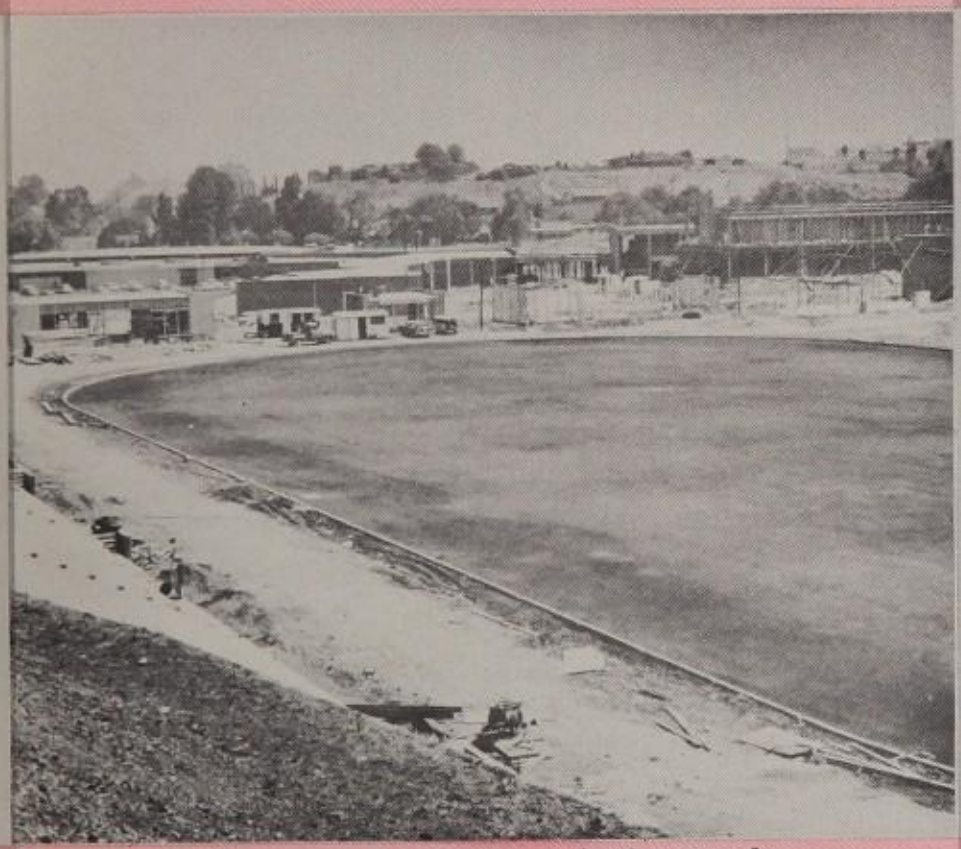
By early September of '59 Taftsville began to take shape.
Students fill vacancies left by workers.



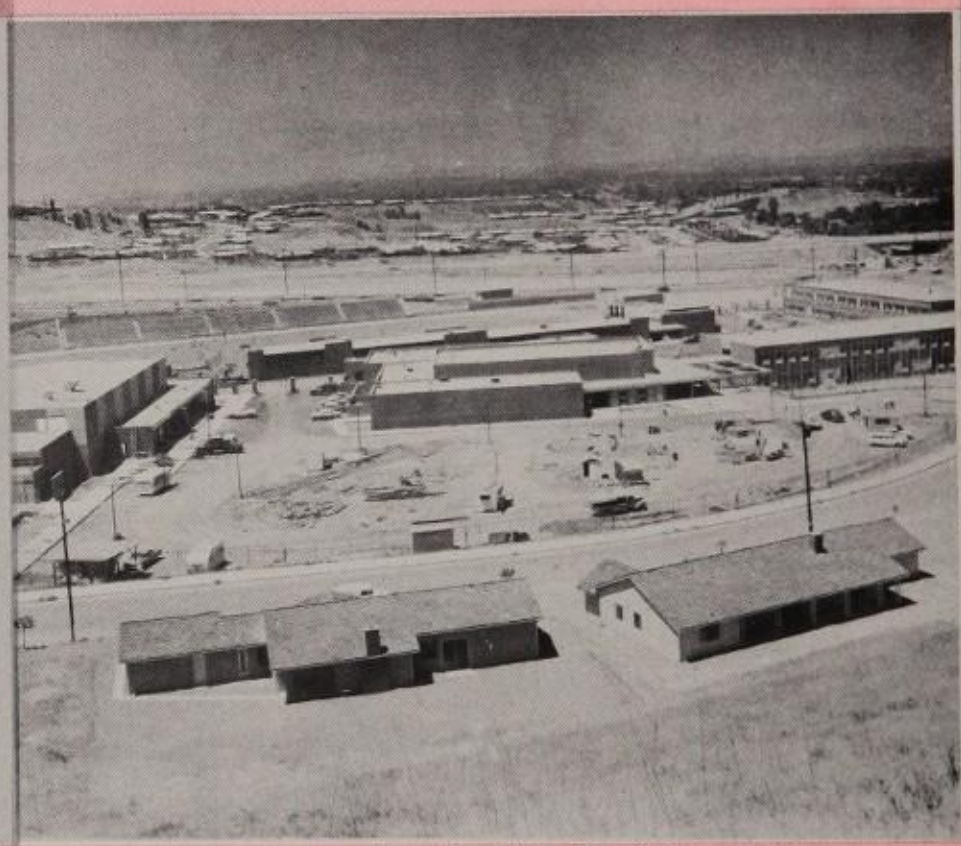
Construction trails blazed by early February, '59.



A month later brought April showers and Taft towers.



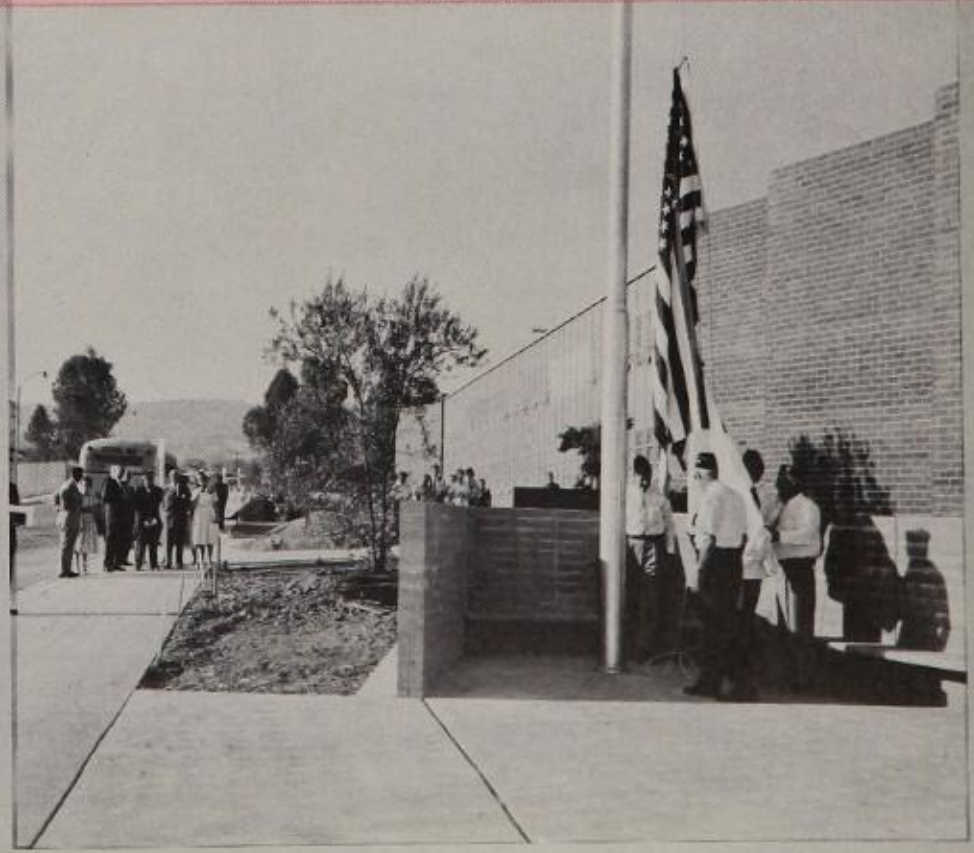
On all parts of campus, workmen made the rounds.



Summer marked impending deadline for laborers.

VIP's anticipate first view of assembled student body.

American Legion initiates flag-raising tradition.



Taft High School Alma Mater

Music & Words by Lorraine Davis

Let us hail our school and our
voices raise
As we all unite in songs of
praise.
Show our faith and love with
a heart sincere
To our Alma Mater dear.

Wave our banner red, white and
gold
And watch our fame unfold.

As the years go by and we
all depart,
Happy high school days dwell
in our hearts.
We'll remember friendship of
days gone by
That we spent at our Taft High.

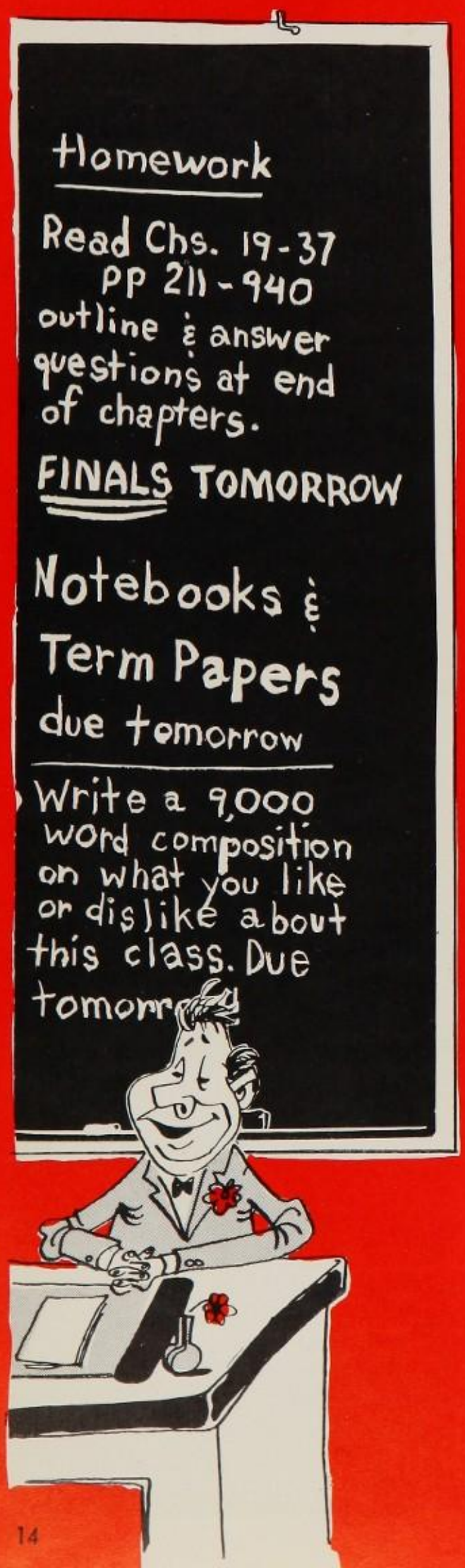
Enthusiastic song writer, Lorraine Davis works on follow-ups to the alma mater and Aldebaran class song.

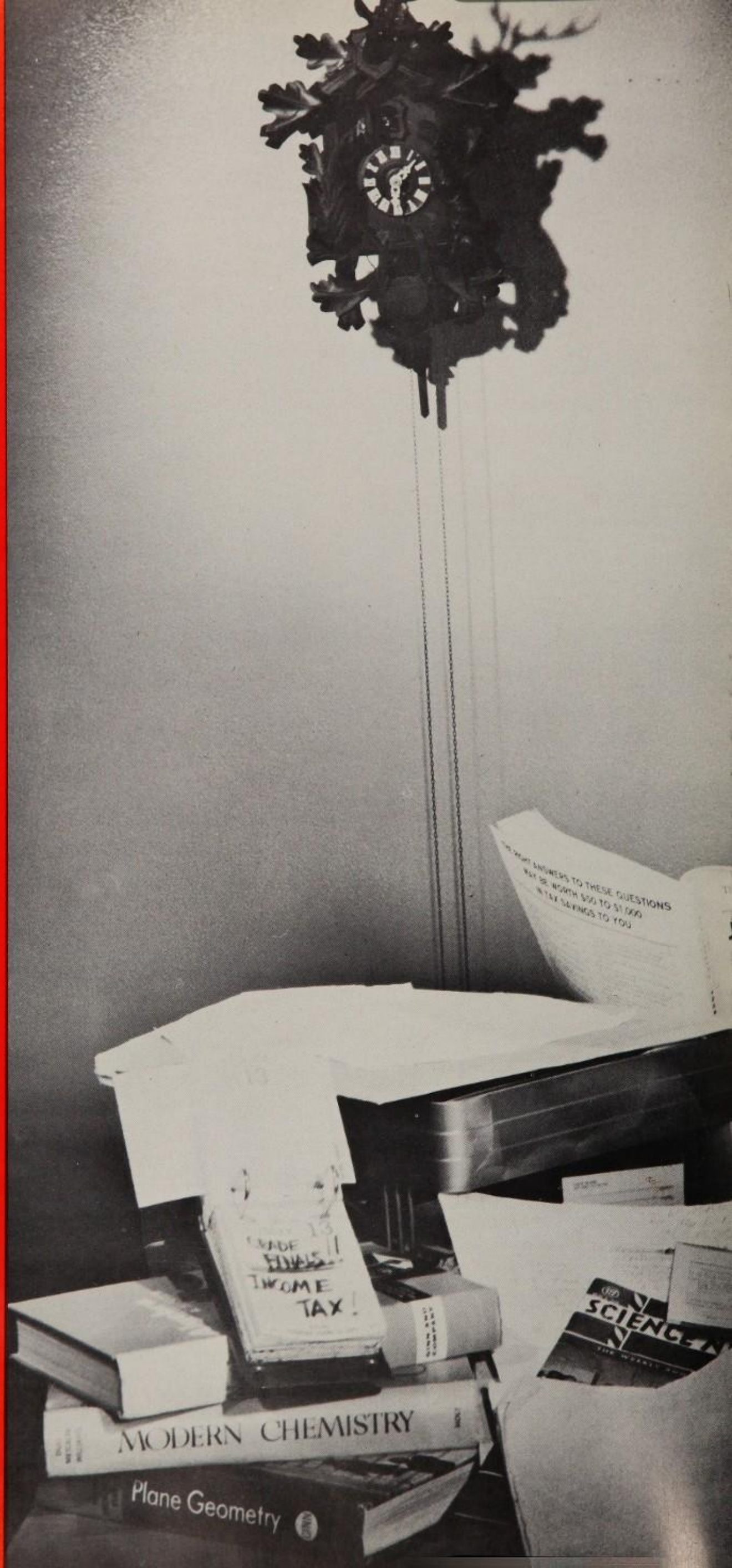
Many thanks and much recognition is due to Taft's first student council. Composed of more than thirty future Taftites, the capable group, led by temporary chairman, Carolyn Cox, spent many long hours during the summer vacation of 1960, readying plans and outlines for the new student body. Working every morning before school during the first semester, this capable group administered the first student body election and gave up their governing rights as the new officers were heralded in. Unfortunately, we haven't enough room to list the names of all the initiators of this first group, so may it suffice to recognize you as a whole.

Spirit buttons, written in red and black on a gold background, were featured this year by the Girls' League.

Talented cartoonists, from left, Lowell Dalton, Roger Weeks, and Diane Jensen interpreted Toreadors and bulls for Taftites' decals.

FACULTY


Homework
Read Chs. 19-37
PP 211-940
outline & answer
questions at end
of chapters.
FINALS TOMORROW
Notebooks &
Term Papers
due tomorrow
Write a 9,000
word composition
on what you like
or dislike about
this class. Due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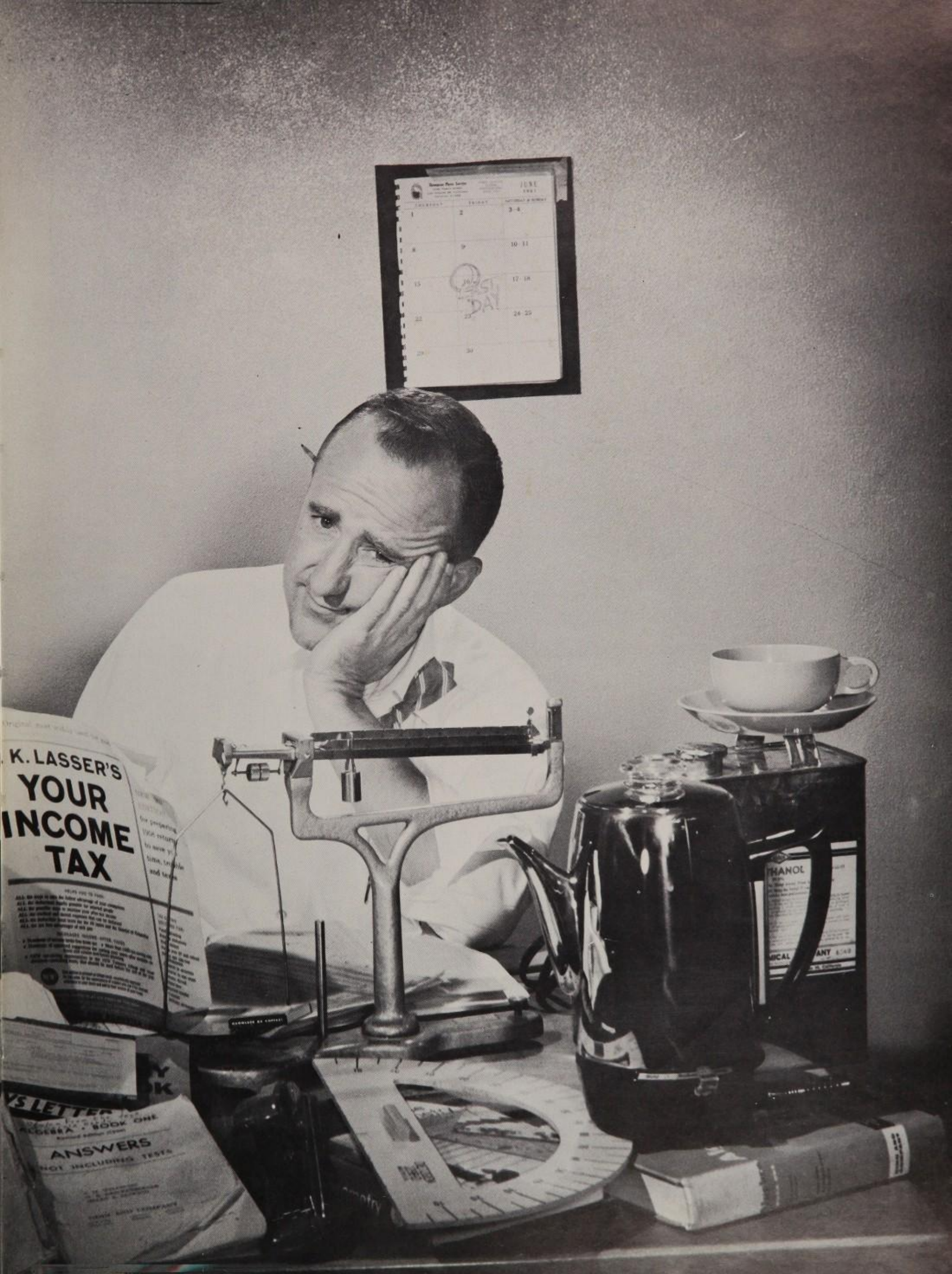
TAX!
MODERN CHEMISTRY
Plane Geometry


JUNE
K. LASSER'S
YOUR
INCOME
TAX
ANSWERS

AN ORGANIZED TRIO SETS RHY

The first year at a new school is always the most difficult; our industrious principal, Mrs. Elizabeth Goetten, is greatly responsible for the increasing feeling of unity on the Taft campus.

Although her home town is Hudson, Wisconsin, Mrs. Goetten graduated from Van Nuys High School before attending Pomona College. She began teaching English and Social Studies because, as she said, "I like working with young people." Soon her executive abilities were realized and she moved to the Girls' Vice Principal's office of Hamilton High, followed by the Principal's desk at Dorsey. It was this position that she left to build the foundations for Taft.

To ease the strains of uniting the many backgrounds accumulated at Taft, Mrs. Goetten finds deep sea fishing and Bridge most relaxing. Frequently, wide awake Toreadors have seen her grandchildren touring the campus. She confesses that they are her very special interests.

Mrs. Goetten enjoys working closely with the entire Taft student body. This is demonstrated by her genuine interest in all students and her special desire to direct the activities of the Senior classes. Her only pet peeve is a dirty campus. She greatly enjoys her new role and encourages all Toreadors to "take pride in beautiful Taft." We, the charter student body, are very grateful to our chief administrator for making this first year the outstanding inauguration it has been.

IM AND TUNE

The distingushing feature of a high school is the type and number of extra-curricular activities, and the administrator in charge of all social functions on the Taft campus this past year was Mrs. Eva Kirby, Girls' Vice Principal. These functions includes sports' nights, dances, assemblies, and athletic events.

A native Californian, Mrs. Kirby graduated from Huntington Park High and received her credentials from UCLA and USC. Transfering from Dorsey High, where she taught science, she went to the office of Girls' Vice Principal at Van Nuys.

Her major avocations include traveling, hiking, and reading. But her main responsibility and interest this past year was working with the Taft girls. Along with prescribing the functions and policies of Girls' League, she also sponsored the "Ladies" of Taft.

We greatly appreciate her contributions to Taft's first year in supervising Girls' League, directing our many clubs and organizations, and administering all Toreador activities.

Our entire Taft family was busy this past year, but Mr. Arthur Curtis, Boys' Vice Principal, had an added responsibility in supervising the organization of student cabinet. Having much past experience with student government, he tackled this necessity with great enthusiasm.

Following graduation from his home town high school in Ohio and the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Curtis began teaching. After the War, he came West and worked in the English-Social Studies department at Manual Arts, where he was also athletic coordinator. He left the position of Assistant Vice Principal at North Hollywood High to come to Taft.

Mr. Curtis' hobbies include wood finishing, swimming, and fishing, but his special consideration is for the Taft boys. He also organized and sponsored Knights, the Senior Honor Organization.

We sincerely thank Mr. Arthur Curtis for the role he has played this past year in founding the student body government, directing the groundwork of the Constitution, and supervising the activities of our Taft Boys' League.

ATTENDANCE OFFICE—Shannon Petruzzi is trying to convince Mr. Petit and the office staff that she wasn't really ditching, while Mr. Ellis is chastizing Ron Hill for being late again. This office is best informed as to the coming and going of Taft's student body.

Ralph Petit
Registrar
Birmingham High School
Fishing, hunting, sports

NEW FA

BUSINESS OFFICE—Showing more concern over the "found" penny than all the greenbacks floating around, Mrs. Piper and the Business Office staff exhibit happiness and relief that the books are finally balanced.

"One thousand eleven. Whew! We're done!", says text book clerk Mrs. Trout.

Marion Fox
Librarian
Sentous Library
Hiking, Birds, Books

Linda Cather listens to exciting news as Mrs. Marqusee, Mrs. Sisco, Mrs. Allen, and Janet Moore await the good word. These ladies are responsible for our smooth operating main office.

CES FOUND PLACES SEPTEMBER TIL JUNE

COUNSELORS OFFICE—Eagerly waiting for confused Toreadors the counselors; Mr. Hill, Mr. Rankin, Miss Bivins, Mr. Whitehead, Miss Paul, and Mr. Hitchcock are ready to help all concerned Toreadors.

James Whitehead
Head Counselor
Monroe High School
Photography

DEVOTED THEY WORKED HARD

CAFETERIA WORKERS—Here our faithful manager, Mrs. Patton, treats the diligent Cafeteria workers to a "punch-break" after the busy noon hour. From left: Mr. O. Priebe, Mr. L. Stanfield, Mrs. P. Hudson, Mrs. H. Patton, Mrs. N. Mileszko, Mrs. M. Soldato, Mrs. M. Rippley. Missing: Mrs. L .Canfield.

BUS DRIVERS—Toreadors depend on their friendly bus drivers to transport them to and from Taft, which, in some cases, involves as much as an hour's drive. They are, from left to right, top row: Bud Garner, Virgil Bodie, Chas. Weidner, Dan Lambert, John Gray, and Bob Fullerton. Bottom row: Dale Griffeth, Dick Wolford, Jack Van Der Velde, Kenneth Peterson, Glenn McIntosh, and Harold Smith.

FOR HEALTH, HOME, AND HASH

CUSTODIANS—Mr. Fry, Head Custodian (left), and his assistants are credited for keeping our school in "tip-top" condition. Left to right: Mr. Hauser, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Ringwood, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Solheim, Mr. Owens, Mr. Maynard, Mr. Roach, Mr. Tillman, Mr. Waters, Mrs. Barnhart, Mrs. Sekely, Mr. Ziler, Mr. Larson, Mr. Fry.

GARDENERS—Our Gardeners, Mr. Paxton and Mr. Fox, do a wonderful job keeping the Taft campus green and growing.

HEALTH—Mrs. Smith looks on concernedly as Mrs. Comb and her trustful assistants "take care of" brave John Scherer.

AND CHALK-HILLERS STROVE FOR

Betty Bivins
English
Dorsey High School
Reading, Cooking

Frances Brockmeier
English
Reseda High School
Photography

Anne Falotico
English
Reseda High School
Politics

Janice Imbach
English
Reseda High School
Swimming, Music

Harold Johnston
English
Reseda High School
Writing

Mariet Lamb
English
Fairfax High School
Oriental Art Objects

Elodia Barbario
Business Education
Reseda High School
Dancing, Hiking

Ruth Friedman
Business Education
Reseda High School
Travel, Stamps

Anthony Quarberg
Business Education
U.C.L.A.
Selling Yearbooks

Robert Rankin
Business Education
Dorsey High School
Nevmistmatics

Alertness and eagerness to learn are qualities that all tentative business students show, even the thinkers of Taft.

As Mrs. Lamb looks on, Bob Mummy reads his part. English courses are specially designed to provide new adventures in literature.

THE TONGUES AND THE CASH

Francis Lawlor
Latin, English
Narbonne High School
News Editing

All our FOREIGN LANGUAGE students will agree that there is nothing comparable to the feeling of accomplishment derived from the coaching of the human mind to the point of being able to speak, read, and write in a second language. Our higher languages classes may boast that they are some of the few in the city of Los Angeles where no English is used in the classroom. The finest teachers offer work in the fields of Spanish, French, Latin, and even German.

The ENGLISH DEPARTMENT strives to help students develop skills in listening, reading, writing, and speaking. In the various English courses students are taught to write well-organized paragraphs, and to speak effectively by enlarging their vocabularies. Reading literary selections for the pleasure of getting not only superficial ideas but implied meanings are also stressed. The English classes are slated to give enrichment and also to give remedial aids to students wherever these are needed. Such classes give students a chance to sample the finest in all types of writing. A study of poetry, the novel, short stories, and essays offer students a chance to learn the finer points of literature.

Our BUSINESS DEPARTMENT has been striving to teach the students skills in the wide-ranging fields of the business world. High standards of integrity and reliability are stressed in the classes. This year the goals of the department included assisting the students to live useful and worthwhile lives as citizens and workers, also to advance in individual freedom through economic competency. This year business students have had the opportunity to visit banks, stock exchanges and brokers, along with insurance companies and department stores.

Up-to-date means of teaching essential skills are outstanding features of Taft's excellent language department.

Robert Allen
Spanish
Francis Polytechnic
Dining out

Henry Bradley
German, Spanish
Reseda High School
Skiing

Richard Goldsmith
French, English
Substitute
Jazz

Shirley Harper
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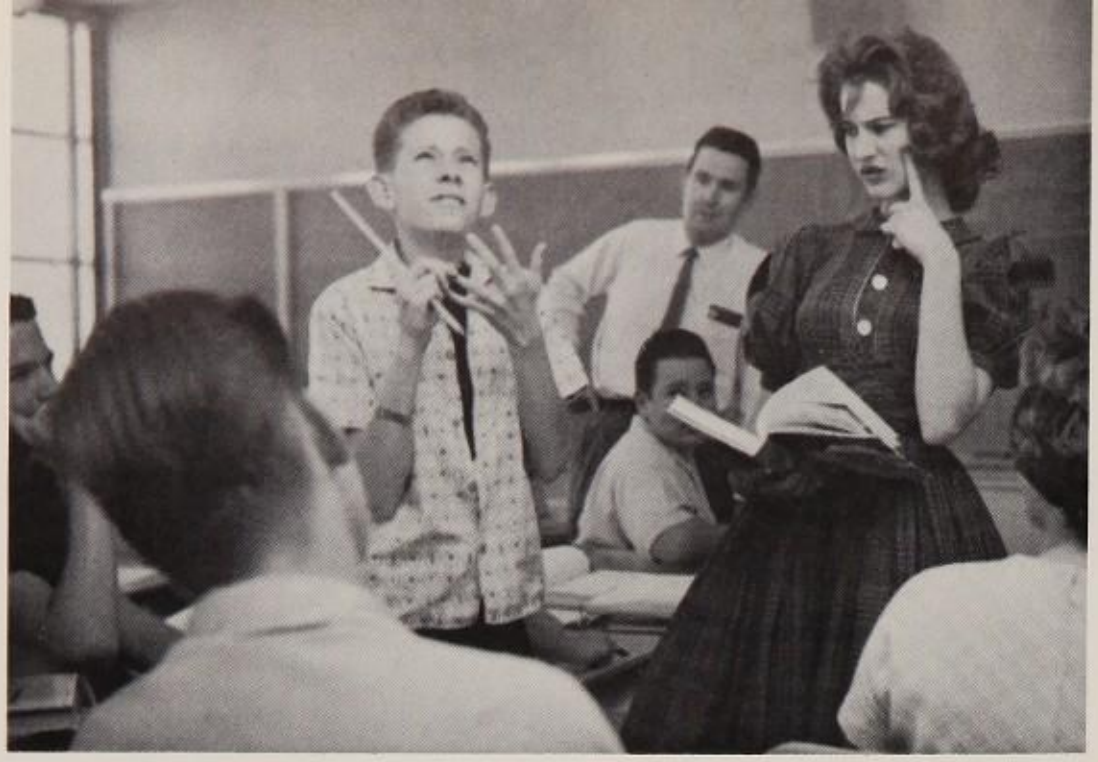

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FORMULAS GRAPHED SOLVED

MATH students are expected to do their best to increase their understanding of math relationships, and to learn to enjoy working with mathematical problems. Math club is planned to help interested students prepare for college by giving them extra-curricular work to enrich their use of math. During this semester the Math Department sent a team of five to a math field day at Occidental College where they entered various events and showed the skill they had learned in math classes. Also, last May we were represented by a team of students at the William B. Orange Math Competition at L. A. City College.

A questioning mind, and one that seeks to know "Why?" is the motto of the SCIENCE DEPARTMENT. With a good command of the spoken and written English along with a solid mathematical background in Science, Physiology, and Chemistry, students have found the answer to questions about their own lives and their environment. Taft has some brilliant representatives from Science classes participating in the American Chemistry Society exams at Reseda High School. Some students are also working on the Science Fair and a trip has been made to the UCLA Reactory.

The INDUSTRIAL ARTS DEPARTMENT has been working to teach through practical application in order to give the students an education with a definite vocation in mind for the future. The industrial arts department is engaged in drafting contests and the graphic arts shop is constantly working on projects. During Boys' Week last spring, students were selected to visit industrial firms where they received on-the-spot learning in certain trades. The Industrial Arts Fair, featuring the talents of the students in industrial arts classes, was a big success featuring the works in wood, metal, and even fiberglass.

Chester Bramblett
Math, Chemistry
Reseda High School
Photography????

Turus Buquoi
Mathematics
Birmingham High School
Stamps, Sports

Gerald Cates
Math, Cabinet
Sutter Jr. High
Gave up hobbies

Charles Crossman
Mathematics
Birmingham High School
Camping, Water Sports

Raymond Hitchcock
Business Education
San Fernando High
Travel, boats, reading

David Bullock
Science
Reseda High School
History, Philosophy

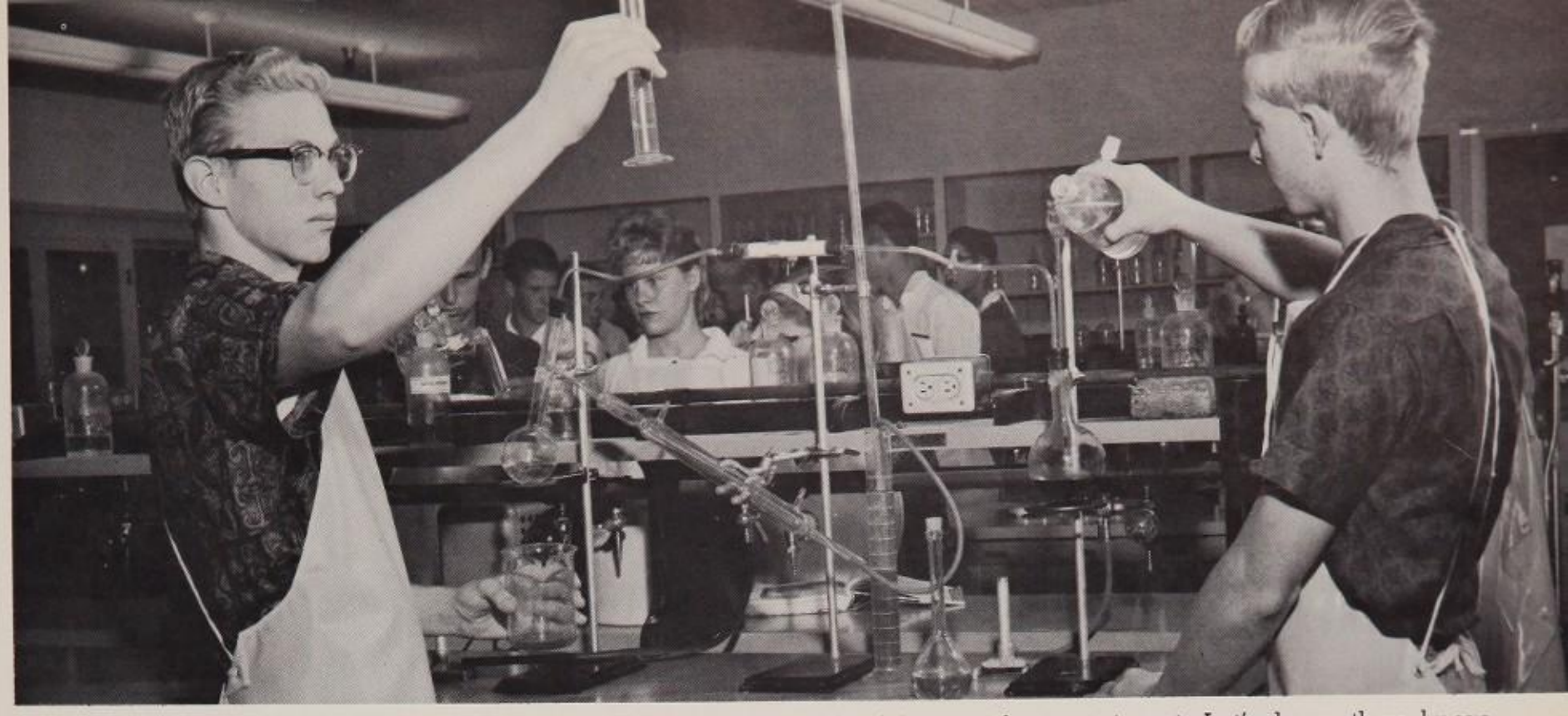
Julie Goodenough
Physiology, Chemistry
Reseda High School
Sports, Tennis, Hiking

John Hallahan
Chemistry, Physics
Van Nuys High School
Fishing, Travel

Sidney Hill
Agriculture
North Hollywood High
Photography

Iris Perez
Science, Spanish
Canoga Park High
Floral Arrangements

Raymond Ross
Life, Modern Science
Reseda High School
Gardening, Travel



Diligent study and patient still insure the safety of a successful scientific experiment. Let's hope they know what they're doing!

THE SECRETS PROFOUND

Annette Merrill
Mathematics
North Hollywood High
Sailing, Skiing, Swim

David Spencer
Mathematics
Dorsey High School
Travel, Sports

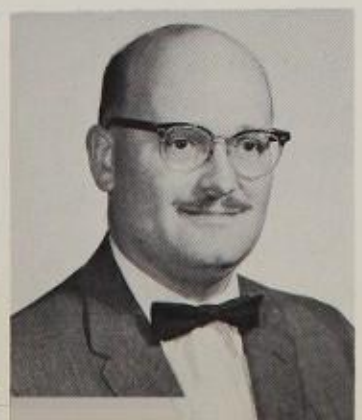
York Bossarte and Greddy Auslin are supposedly making the most of the knowledge offered by the Industrial Arts Department.

Robert Elliot
Drafting, Woodwork
Dorsey High School
Fishing, Travel

Kenneth Hird
Drafting
San Jose High School
Flying, Golf, Swimming

Thomas James
Auto
Fresno State College
Hunting, Boating

Marie Smith
Physiology
Hamilton High School
Swimming, Bowling



David Van Gorder
Life, Modern Science
Grant High School
Fishing

George Barsumian
Electric Shop
Los Angeles State Col.
Hunting, Fishing

Tom Seitzler
Metal Shop
Hollywood High School
Photography

THAT THE FITNESS OF MAN MAKES THE WORLD GO 'ROUND

"No! Africa is not on the 30th latitude," exclaims Mr. Ellis. "Oh these girls' days in school!"

Dennis — Best of everything. Have a great summer. Hal Klein

Winston Clemens
Social Studies
Van Nuys High School
Outdoor Activities

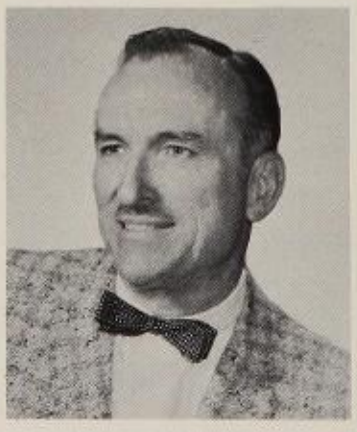
Robert Ellis
History, Geography
North Hollywood High
Young People

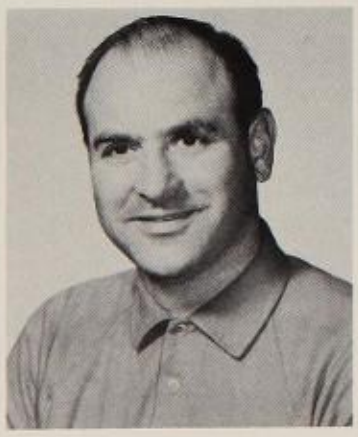
Mary Harker
History
Reseda High School
Travel, Grandchildren

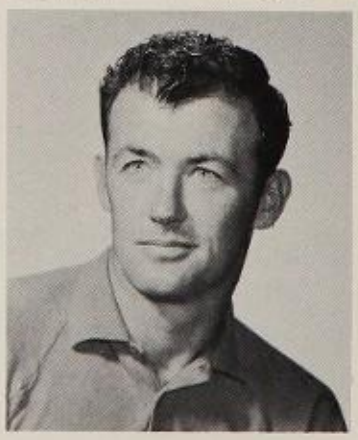
Harold Lambert
History, P.E.
Reseda High School
Athletics, Golf

Wayne Shannon
History
Valley State, U. Hawaii
Reading, Philosophy

Warren Snyder
History, Golf
Sequoia Jr. High
Skin Diving, Tennis







John Furlong
P.E., Drivers' Training
North Hollywood High
Sports

Norman Lerman
Phys. Ed.
Reseda High School
Sports

John McCaffrey
P.E., Mathematics
Canoga Park High
Real Estate

Jean Montgomery
P.E., Life Science
Dorsey High School
Music

Ray O'Connor
Physical Education
Canoga Park High
Building Furniture

Gloria Quintana
Physical Education
Reseda High School

Edward Buchanan
Drivers' Ed., P.E.
Canoga Park High
Surfing, Skiing

John Hanna
Driver's Ed., P.E.
Canoga Park High
Raising Future Toreadors

David Kenyon
Drivers' Ed.
Reseda High School
Art

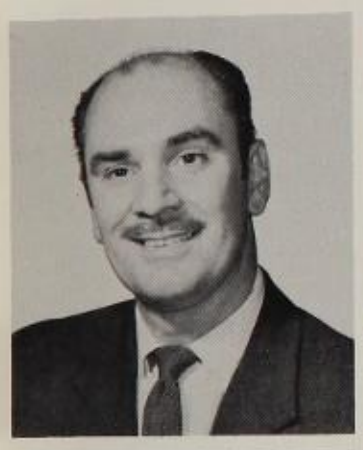
"Okay, kids, everything's under control. The only thing wrong," states Mr. Buchanan, "is a malfunction in the primaries." (Meaning we're out of gas).

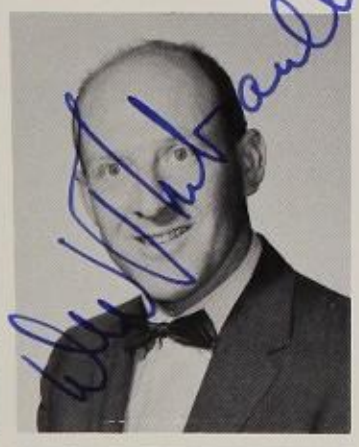
The purpose of DRIVER'S EDUCATION is to teach students to realize and avoid the hazards of the road, and to teach the fundamentals of driving. For these reasons, Driver's Education is a required course of all high school students. Driver's Training is offered to students who have completed Driver's Education and have acquired a learner's permit. During this class, students have the opportunity to drive in every day traffic conditions with the expert guidance of our able instructors.

The goal of the SOCIAL STUDES DEPARTMENT is to give each student at Taft High School a full realization of the privileges and responsibilities that belong to an American citizen. This department works toward solving present problems stemming from past experiences and promoting the basic traditions of American Democracy. There are many extra activities to stimulate the students' interests. The International Club gives students a chance to learn about culture in other countries through interesting speakers. Government classes were given an example of history in the making when they attended a field trip to criminal courts. Some of the classes viewed a fine piece of history in the "Alamo," which they saw at the Carthay Circle Theatre.

The PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT strives to promote proper growth and development through physical activity. Applying skills and co-ordination for work and leisure is the major aim of this department. We support a well balanced program giving us a variety of skills and helping us realize the importance of keeping physically fit.

"St-e-e-rike th-a-re-e-e! Watch out!"





Gerald Staton
English, Social Studies
Van Nuys High School
Swimming, Tennis

Donald Thibeault
History, Government
Reseda High School
Reading

Gerald Reedy
P.E., Mathematics
Los Angeles High
Sports, Slide Photography

Karen Shair
Physical Education
Reseda High School
Badminton, Cooking

"Come on now teachers, watch the birdie!"

Marion Loughner
Homemaking
Gardening, Sewing

George Turner
Music
Sequoia Jr. High
Sports, Travel

Mr. Turner picks up the beat and joins the swinging Toreador band.

Mrs. Isaacs frames new faces in different views.

It's not that I'm worried about the calories. It's the tastebuds that may be affected.

James Crandall
Art
Venice High School
Cleaning MG wheels

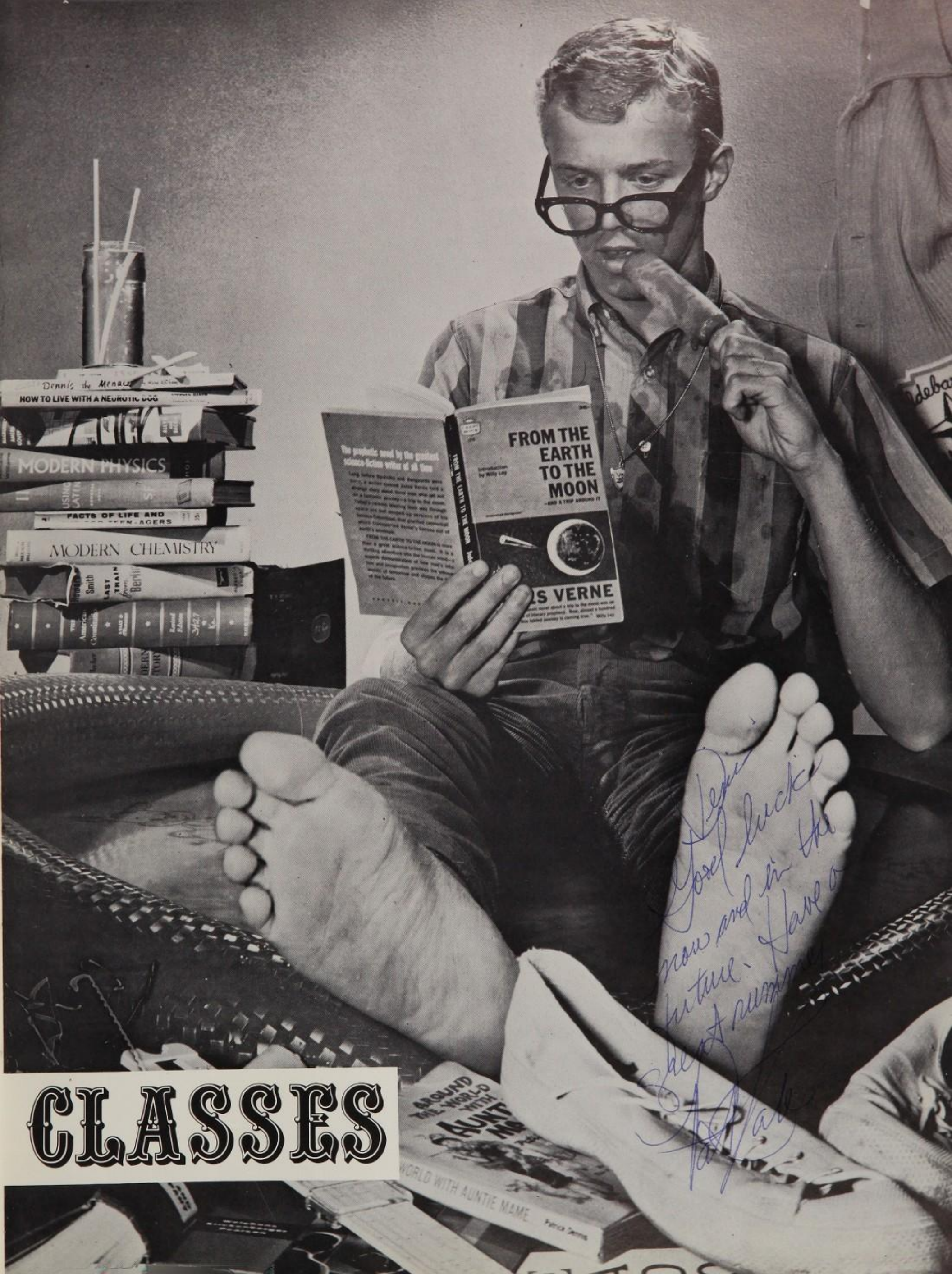
Marcia Isaac
Art
Mark Twain Jr. High
Painting

Paul Kluth
Photography, Annual
Reseda High School
Landscaping, Dogs

HOME ECONOMICS is primarily concerned with strengthening family living. This semester's program included all aspects of home life. Each aspect is taught in relation to the other, as family living is inter-related. Homemaking coordinates knowledge from many fields, and emphasizes the acquiring and applying of techniques and skills with the understanding and appreciation of home living. This semester the home economics classes have offered to make the first victory flags for our school. Taft girls have accumulated many interesting and beneficial ideas on modern homemaking through their projects.

"An artist needs continued practice, the foundation for experience." The ART DEPARTMENT is fully cognizant of this as they worked to provide students better backgrounds and a more practical preparation for their art careers. A large wall mosaic for the Administration Building is only one of the many projects taken up by the art inclined Toreadors. Field trips to art exhibits and art gallerise, filled the curious artists with many ideas and inspirations. Taft gave many of its talents to the Scholastic Art Exhibit where the fine training given to Toreadors proved itself in the competition.

Do-re-mi, can be heard as Taft students march past the music building. The widely ranged voices and mellowed tones can be heard and remembered by all interested Toreadors that seek entertainment through music. This semester the MUSIC DEPARTMENT inspired a genuine love for music and encouraged pursuit of excellence among pupils. The students had many projects to stimulate their interests. All of them worked on the Christmas Program and participated in the Spring Music Festival, featuring pianist Steve Gordon. Both events achieved tremendous success. Among our musical organizations are the vocal ensemble, the brass quartet, and the string ensemble. Students also attended many concerts and musical events. All of these activities have helped to make a fine music department at Taft High.


HOW TO LIVE WITH A NEUROTIC DOG
MODERN PHYSICS
FACTS OF LIFE AND
MODERN CHEMISTRY
FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON
AROUND THE WORLD WITH AUNTIE MAME

CLASSES

The Senior Steering Committee leads the way for Tafts first graduating class, in Winter '62, by planning their activities and choosing their name, ALDEBARONS. Sitting: Gloria Hanawalt, Stephanie Harolde, Mitch Witowsky, Anne Boone, Wendy Davidson. Standing: Pat Kale, Joy Von Orden, Mr. Reedy, Mickey Cates, Don Duke.

Having the distinction of being the first class to graduate from a new high school, the Aldebaron Class showed its initiative by beginning Senior traditions on the Taft campus. Dotting the campus with mint green and charcoal cardigans, the small class of 128 made it well known that they were the "Mighty Seniors" and exhibited their new status to the utmost. The Senior Bee Cabinet consisted of Mike Clinite, president; Mitchell Witkosky, vice president; Anne Boone, secretary; and Stephanie Harolde, treasurer. Steering Committee, planning the Sweater Assembly, the Senior Prom, and other activities, consisted of two representatives from each Government class plus the senior-members of Student Cabinet. Some of the privileges the first class enjoyed were use of the Senior Lawn on Friday noons with music, special sections at outdoor assemblies and sports events, a private prom, and others. Obstacles facing the class were overcome, and ideas and personalities from Reseda and Canoga were integrated to form a strong class with unity and spirit. The Aldebarons are anxiously looking forward to the fall semester when the Class of Winter 1962 reaches the final plateau of their high school careers and commences to further aspirations.

ALDEBARANS REIGNED AND

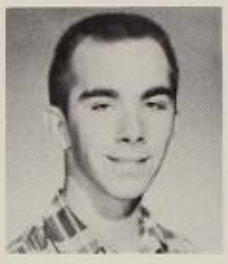
David Anderson
Anne Boone
Mike Chelini
Joanne Culleton
Nancy George

Elaine Arndt
Carol Boulton
Mike Clinite
Mary Dyatt
Nancy Giese

Alan Ashforth
Rick Bradstreet
Leesa Cocchia
Ray Felix
Denis Gluck

Sandy Aston
Steve Brock
Barbara Craemer
Tom Felkins
Darryl Graver

Timothy Atwood
Michael Brodsky
Dave Cress
Marc Fidler
Dave Green

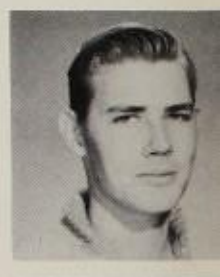


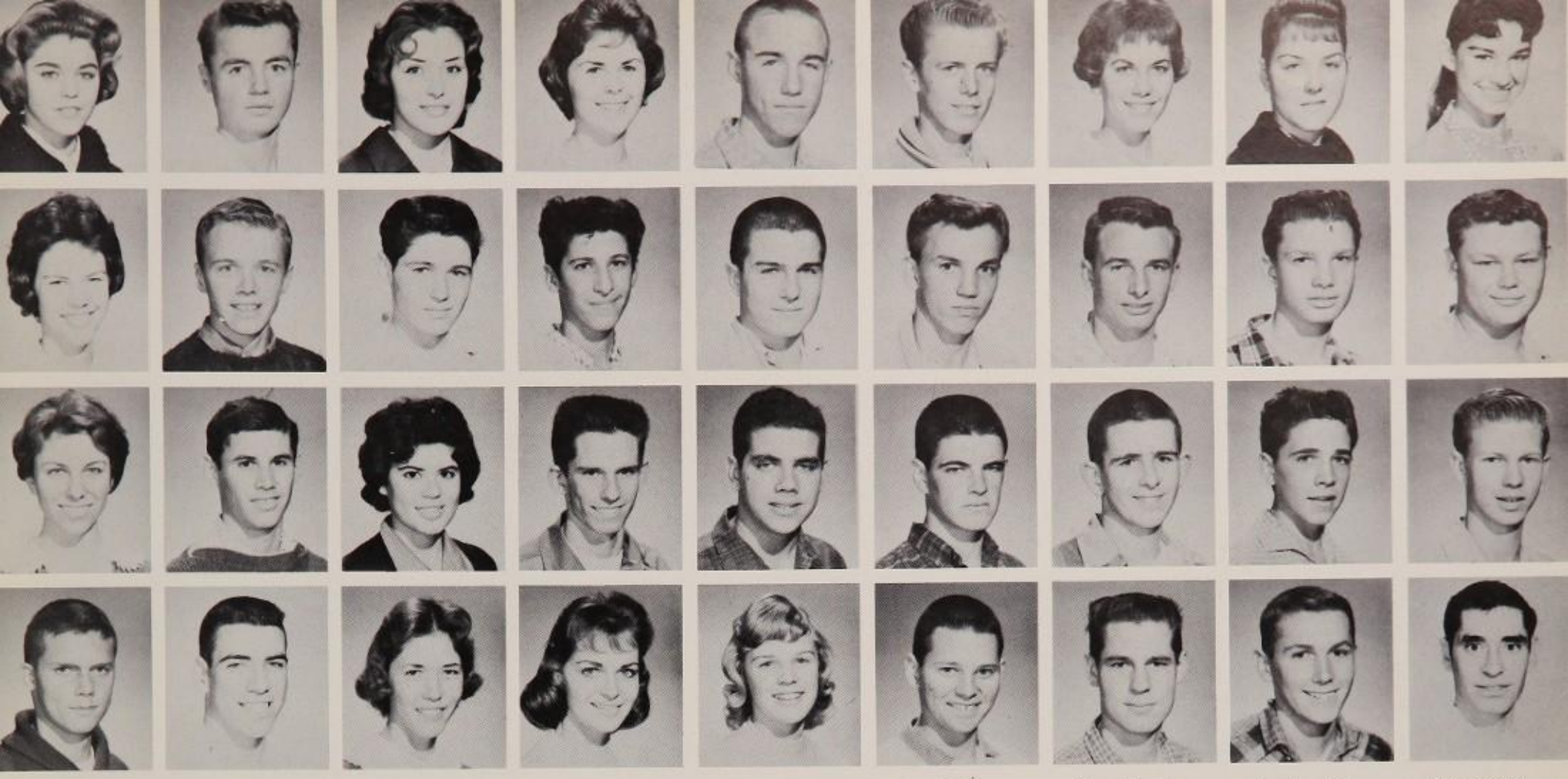
Leroy Barr
Bob Bush
Barbara Cutler
Joan Fitzpatrick
Kit Greene

Steve Beardsley
Bobbi Calvert
Lowell Dalton
Ron Fontana
Steve Greenberg

Jeanine Bertrand
Don Carr
Carole Davey
Larry Forrest
Ron Gregory

Kathy Bieber
Jon Carter
Lorraine Davis
Chuck Frampton
Jack Griffitts





Cathy Harrington
Judy Johns
Kathy McCurry
Steve Nolls

Don Hartert
Pat Kale
John McPeak
Anthony Oddo

Carol Jacobson
Greg Kennerley
Linda Marren
Karen Orrell

Sharron Humbard
Harold Kishineff
John Marks
Diane Padmos

Denis Howard
Ken Larson
Merritt Medows
Diane Paullada

Dick Holmes
Ron Lee
Allen Mitchell
Patrick Peritore

Diane Hensley
Eric Leerhuber
Warren Moeller
Louis Pfeifer

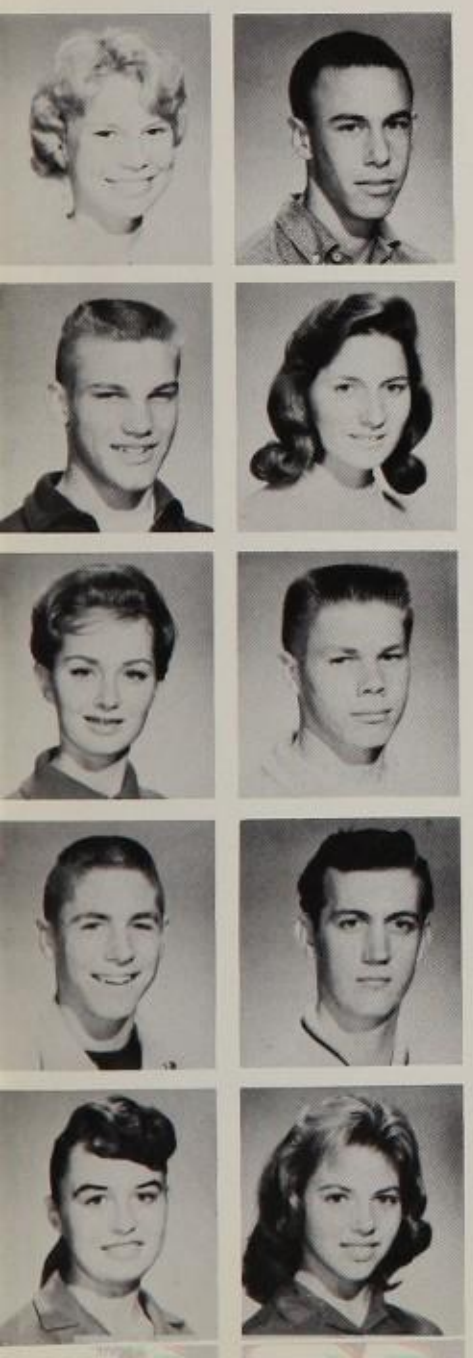
Jean Hendricks
Steven Legler
Mike Nagy
Dan Phipps

Susan Jenks
Richard Leibel
Mike Nicholson
Dave Philips

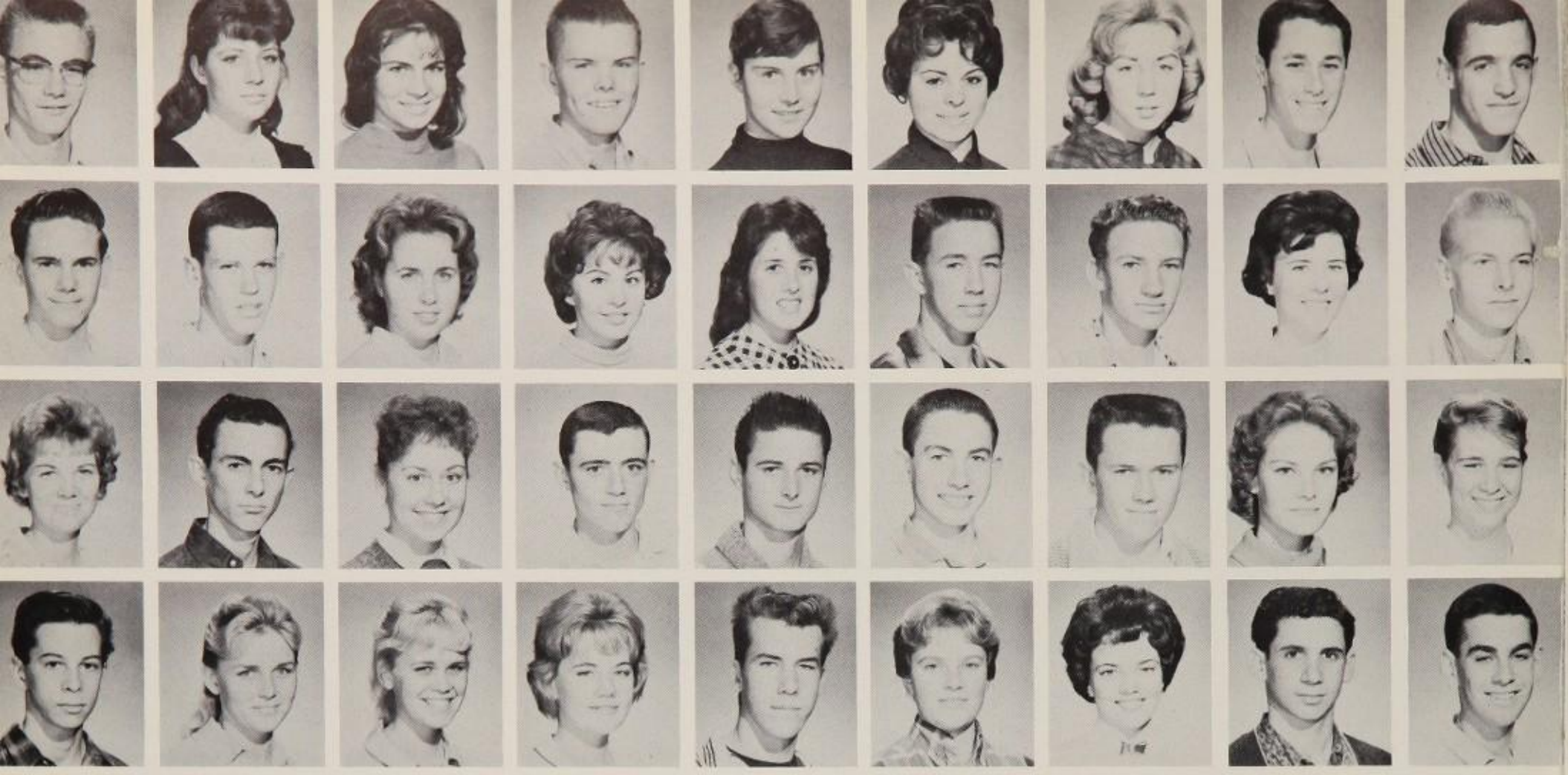
PAVED THE WAY

Charlotte Blatchford
Mickey Cates
Paula Dickinson
Mike Fuson
GloriaHanawalt

David Blumenthal
Margie Chandler
Don Duke
Keith Garrison
Stephanie Harolde



Mike Clinite and Mitch Witkoski show pride in their newly chosen class name and emblem. They display along with whole Aldebaron class, that they are glad to be the first seniors.



Eddie Poe
Byron Richmond
Heide Skinner
Jay Van Orden

Marsha Pollard
Steve Rousso
Paul Smith
Taffy Voyen

Bobbi Powers
Starla Rue
Judy Soltes
Joan Wallmark

Jim Praytor
Olivia Russell
Chuck Sparks
Kathy Waller

Rosi Quenzer
Terre Schindler
Ron Springer
David Walters

Pat Rasporlo
Michael Schmidt
Barry Steinberg
Joanne Weisberg

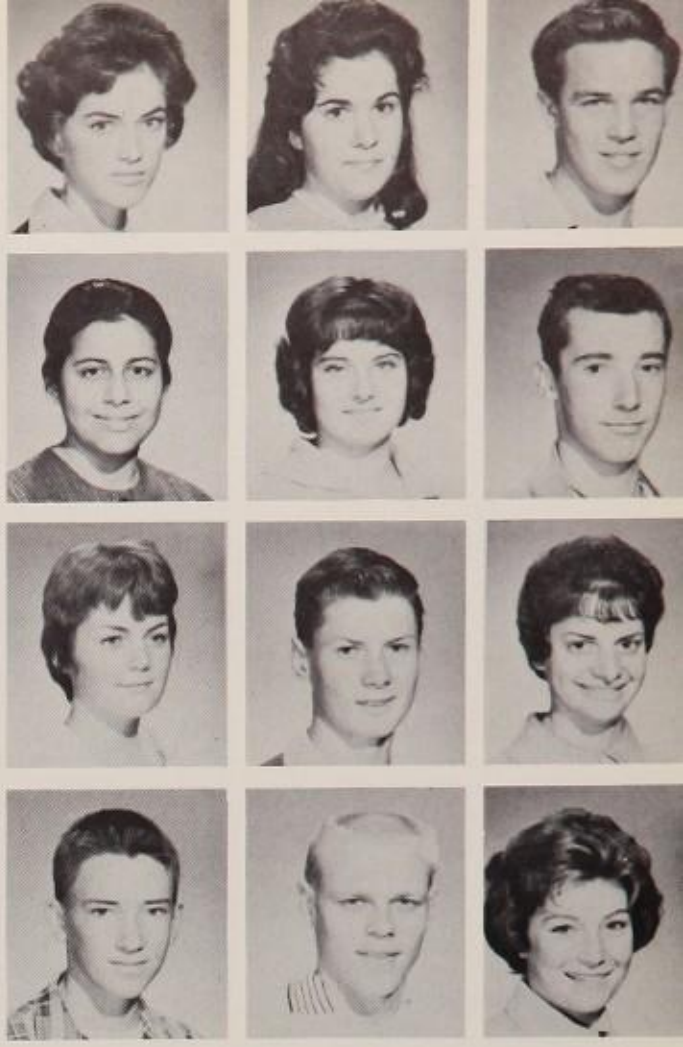
Kay Raynor
Lynn Schreiner
Frank Stevens
Barbara Wilson

Roger Reding
Nan Shappell
Robin Taylor
Mitchell Witkosky

Ken Rehman
Larry Sheldon
Nancy Thille
Dick Zankan

From the glorious smile displayed by Wendy Davidson everyone at Taft can see that she truly deserves the honored role of our first May Queen.

Helen Furmanski and Debbie Dutton, two of Taft's first leaders, are shown here helping first day students find their way around the campus.



Rosalind Abbe
Ruth Aguayo
Donna Allen
Larry Amelang

Bette Abbott
Laurey Ahern
Sigma Alpha
Stephen Andersen

Melvin Adams
Court Allen
Judy Alter
Marcy Anderson

FOR THE FUTURE SENIORS WHO'D COME SOMEDAY

Penny Armstrong
Bill Bailie
Bruce Barney
Andi Best
Betty Blunt

Natalie Aronson
Allen Baker
JimBeaumont
Gregg Beyer
Gene Borio

Connie Atkins
Carol Baker
Sharyn Beisser
Pat Beyea
York Bossarte

Ilga Austric
Jim Baker
Sue Beler
Linda Biederman
Barbara Bosler

Brad Auten
Nan Bamberg
Bruce Bell
Betsy Bielski
Bonnie Boulanger

Carolyn Babick
Linda Barclay
Tim Bell
Dianne Bishop
Diana Bowerman

Gary Bader
Charlonia Barker
Mike Bellamy
Mike Blakeley
Kent Bowman

Susan Bagley
Joan Barna
Klemett Belt
Fred Blanchard
Darrel Brady

Dave Bailey
Barbara Barnes
Carl Berkhout
Andi Blowitz
Susan Brazeau

Pat Bradley
Carol Burke
Cathy Calhoun
Bill Casanova

Cary Brent
Donna Burke
Gussie Campbell
Linda Cather

John Brewer
Ronald Burke
Mary Canavan
Douglas Chamberlain

Denny Brooks
George Bushnell
Carl Cangie
Susan Chambers

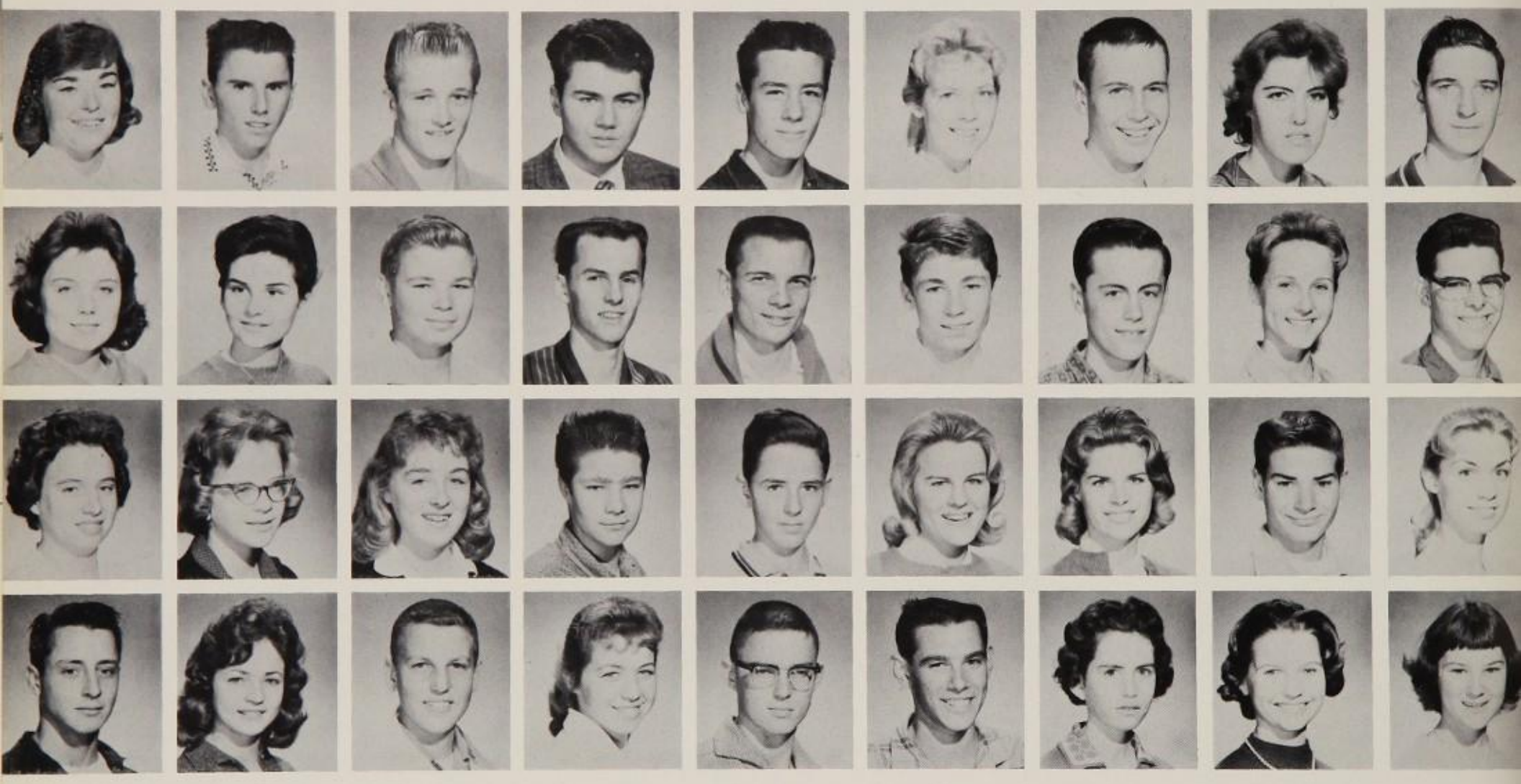
Everett Brown
Mike Butterworth
David Cann
Arnold Chapman

Beverly Bruggemen
Larry Butler
Courtney Carlysle
Gary Cheney

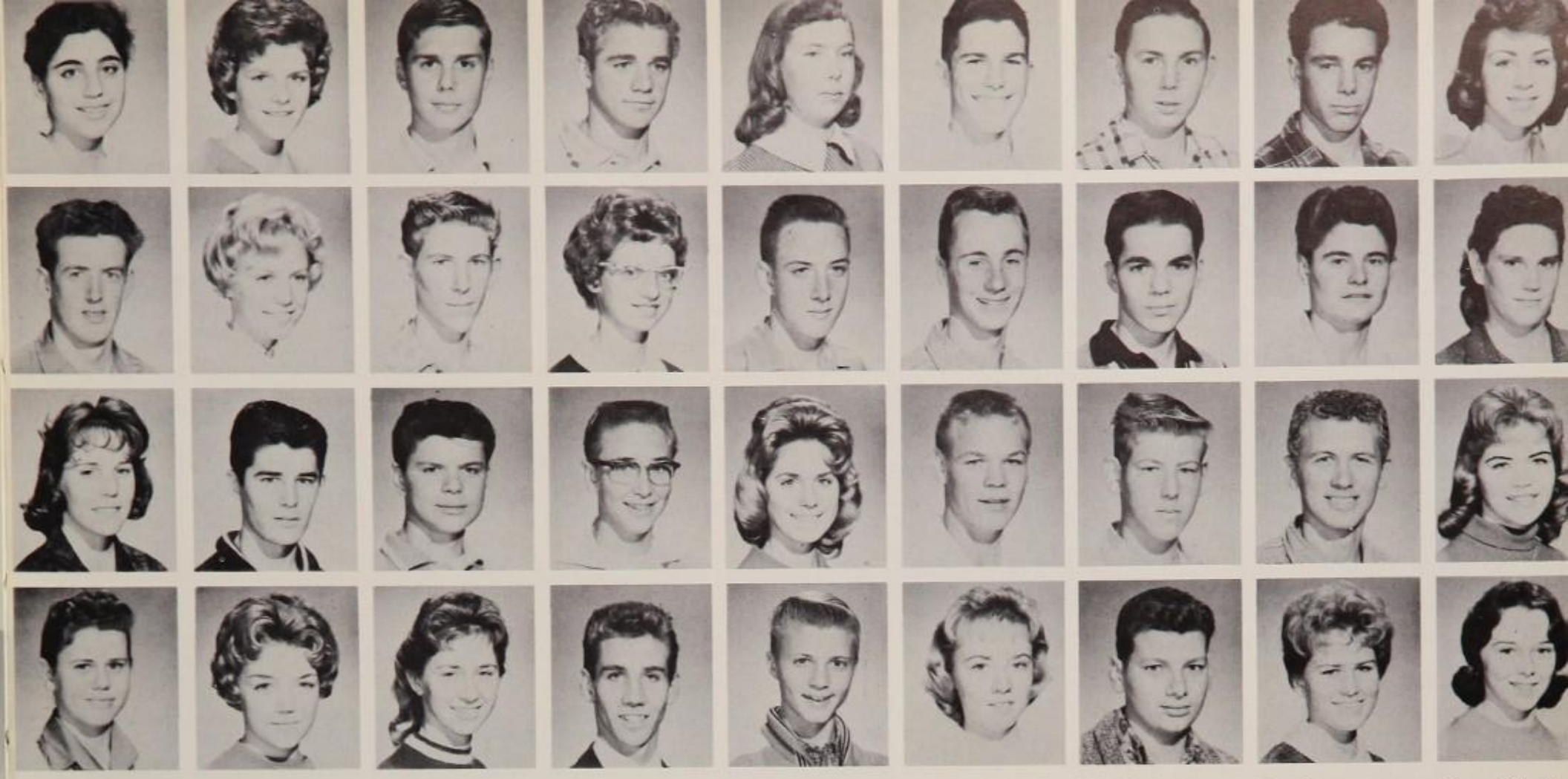
Steve Bruttig
Jack Butlin
Chris Carrington
Jeanne Chesworth

Carole Bryan
Kathie Cairns
Jerry Carpenter
Carol Christopher

Al Budniak
Steve Burgin
Susan Cartt
Sandie Christensen



The students from Taft saved themselves from the threat of the name box by feeding it with hundreds of names. The name Atinian was chosen from this group.



Marie Cicconi
Bob Courtney
Carol Deddens
Diantha Davis

Connie Clark
Carolyn Fox
Jack Dempster
Linda Davis

Steve Clemens
Bob Crawford
Thomas Di Bartelo
Susan Davis

Pete Clemensen
Laurie Crews
Steven Dodds
Tig Davis

Margaret Cochran
Jim Crowley
Gail Domonkos
Gary De Jean

Roger Cochran
Dennis Culver
Jack Douglas
Sue de la Torre-Bueno

Lovell Conner
Bruce Curley
Dave Drake
Charles De Martini

Sam Costa
Gary Dale
Ronnie Drake
Mary Jane De Pue

Sharon Cotrell
Sharon D'Angelo
Debbie Dunlap
Camille De Simo

THE BIGGEST CLASS LOOKED FORWARD TO

Viky Dunlap
Carol Esparza
Dee Foley
Tina Gancher

Caryelee Durnell
Dave Etz
Diana Foster
John Gardiner

Bill Dutton
Angelo Falkone
Steven Lee Fox
Barbara Garity

Debbie Dutton
Kathy Falvo
Susan Fried
Barbara Gatten

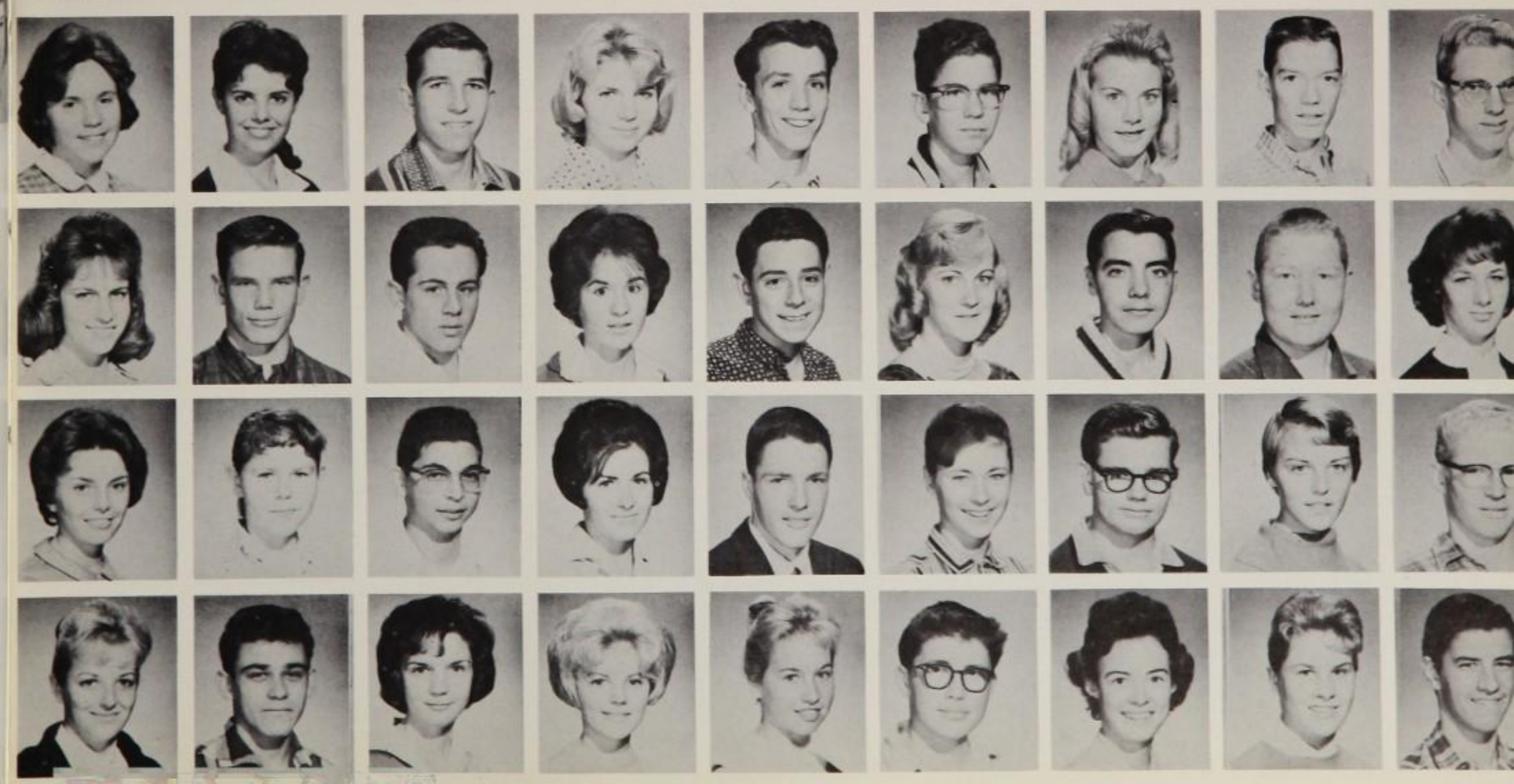
Jim Dyer
Spencer Fidler
Jim Fuller
Vicki Gauert

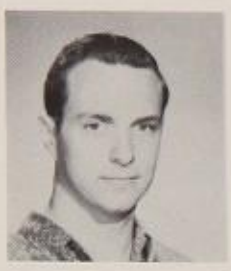
Ronald Elder
Janice Finan
Helen Furmanski
Thom Gentle

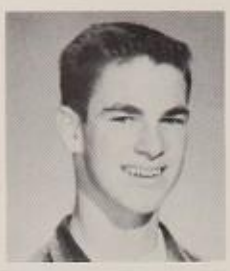
Carole Elliott
Jack Flaherty
Tony Galt
Carolyn Gerber

Terry Ellis
Alan Floreen
Kathy Galbraith
Marilyn Gertz

Danny Engel
Nancy Flynn
Bill Galbreath
Joe Giancinto







Jeri Glasscock
Barbara Green
Randi Haley

Rosalyn Goldberg
Elliott Green
Mike Hall

Marlene Golding
Terry Green
Sue Hall

Edith Good
Marlene Gregory
Mike Hallinan

Jeff Gordon
Betti Gretz
Patrick Hallinan

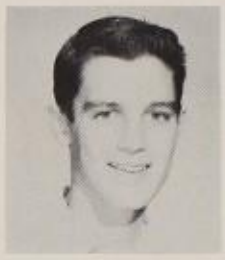
Steve Gordon
Mike Grimshaw
Anne Hamilton

Richard Govers
Steve Grove
Marilyn Hannah

John Gottlieb
Jim Gurndeen
Bill Hamner

Carol Graboski
June Gunn
John Hantke

A DAY WHEN



Lynne Harris
Carl Hill
Roger Howe

Ronald Harris
Robin Hill
Wally Hower

Mary Ann Hart
Beth Hindley
Micaela Humes

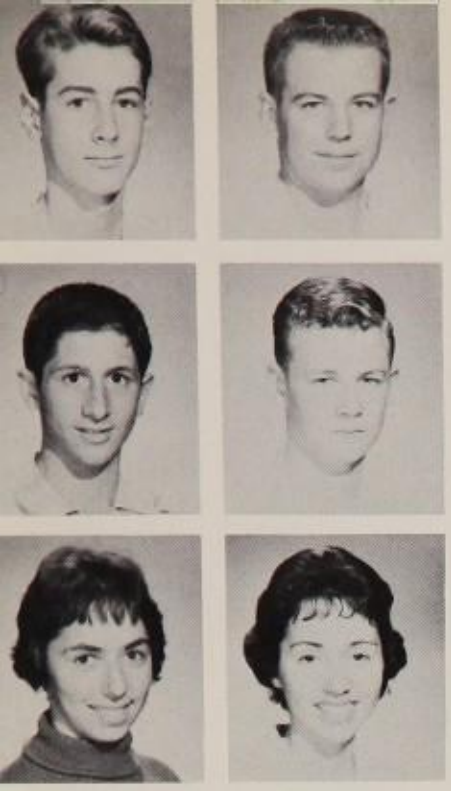
Bruce Hasselle
John Hoffman
Pat Humber

Elizabeth Haxton
Linda Hoffman
Brad Hutchison

Fright, cold, hope and hunger are expressed by members of Drill Team after fantastic performance at Reseda game.

Carol Jameson
Clarine Kersey
Bob Krieger

Helen Jennings
Carl Kessler
Steve Krohn



Rolland Graham
Richard Haas
Barbara Harris

Gary Granbery
Bart Hackley
Linda Harris

Mr. Hallahan calmly reminisces about chemistry lab explosion as two parents ask, "What do they do in Chemistry?"

THEY'D BE "BIG SHOTS" TOO

Tom Hein
Dave Holland
Janet Irwin

Sandy Helms
Dick Holland
Gail Israel

Skip Helms
Denise Holmes
Barbara Jackson

Barry Herzog
Brian Horowitz
Jill Jackson

Curt Hessler
Sandra Houk
Penny Jacobson

Diana Jensen
Russ Kidd
Jack Kubalik

Bob Johnasen
Brad King
Sheldon Kurtzman

Judy Johnson
Mardell King
Carlitoa La Croix

Elaine Kalil
Ralph King
Carol Lane

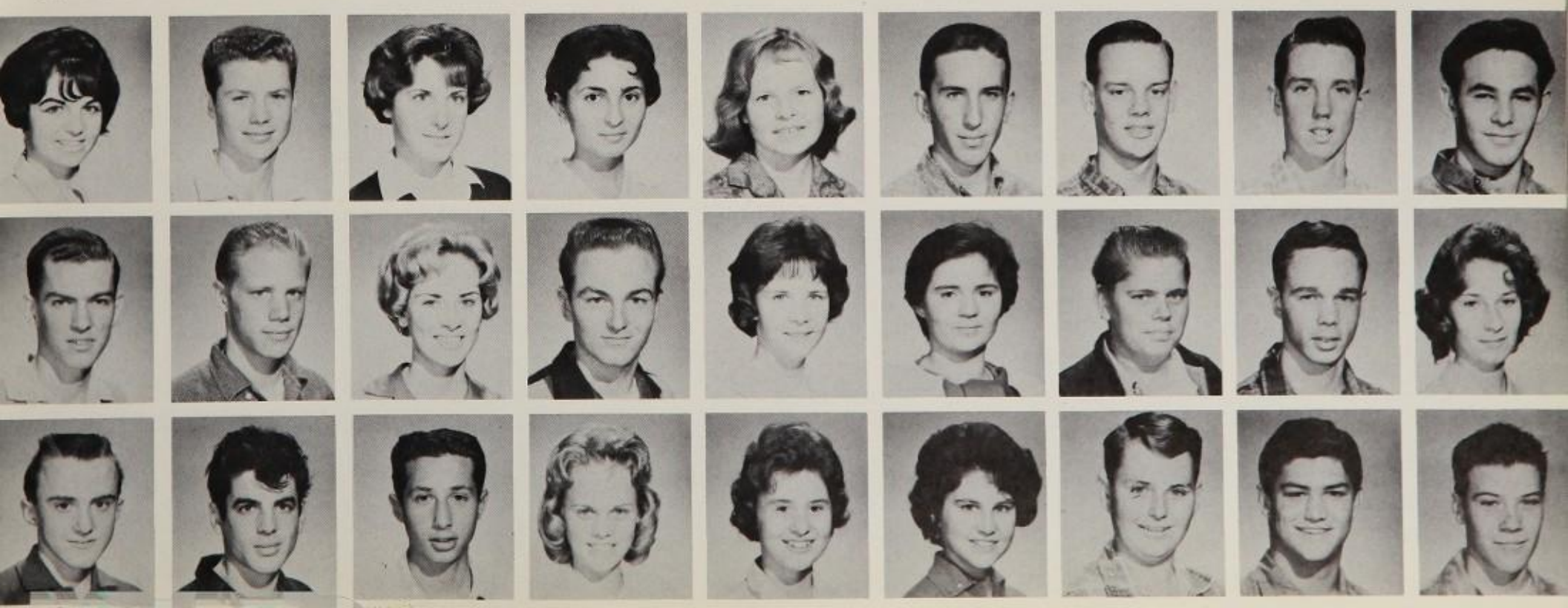
Kathy Kammaraad
Liz Knox
Katie Lanham

Ernest Katsampes
Irina Koenig
Linda Larson

Roger Kelley
Pete Kohlman
Ronnie Lee

Bill Keniston
Jeff Kochy
Jay Leibel

Phill Kerbis
Korla Knoviak
Thomas Lennan



Darry Maticia and Nicci St. John display their graceful talent by doing the Reindeer Dance for the Christmas Assembly.

George Leone
Laurie Lofquist
Rick McIntosh
Carol Martin
Andy Mercer
Donetta Moore

Judy Levy
Jim Long
Jim McLaren
Lynn Martin
Steve Mayer
Janet Moore

Bonnie Lewis
Betty Lord
Carol MacDonald
Pamela Martin
Rick Miller
Bill Morong

John Lewis
Dennis Lowe
Kathy Mallon
Mike Masin
Sharon Millhollen
Dixie Mortrude

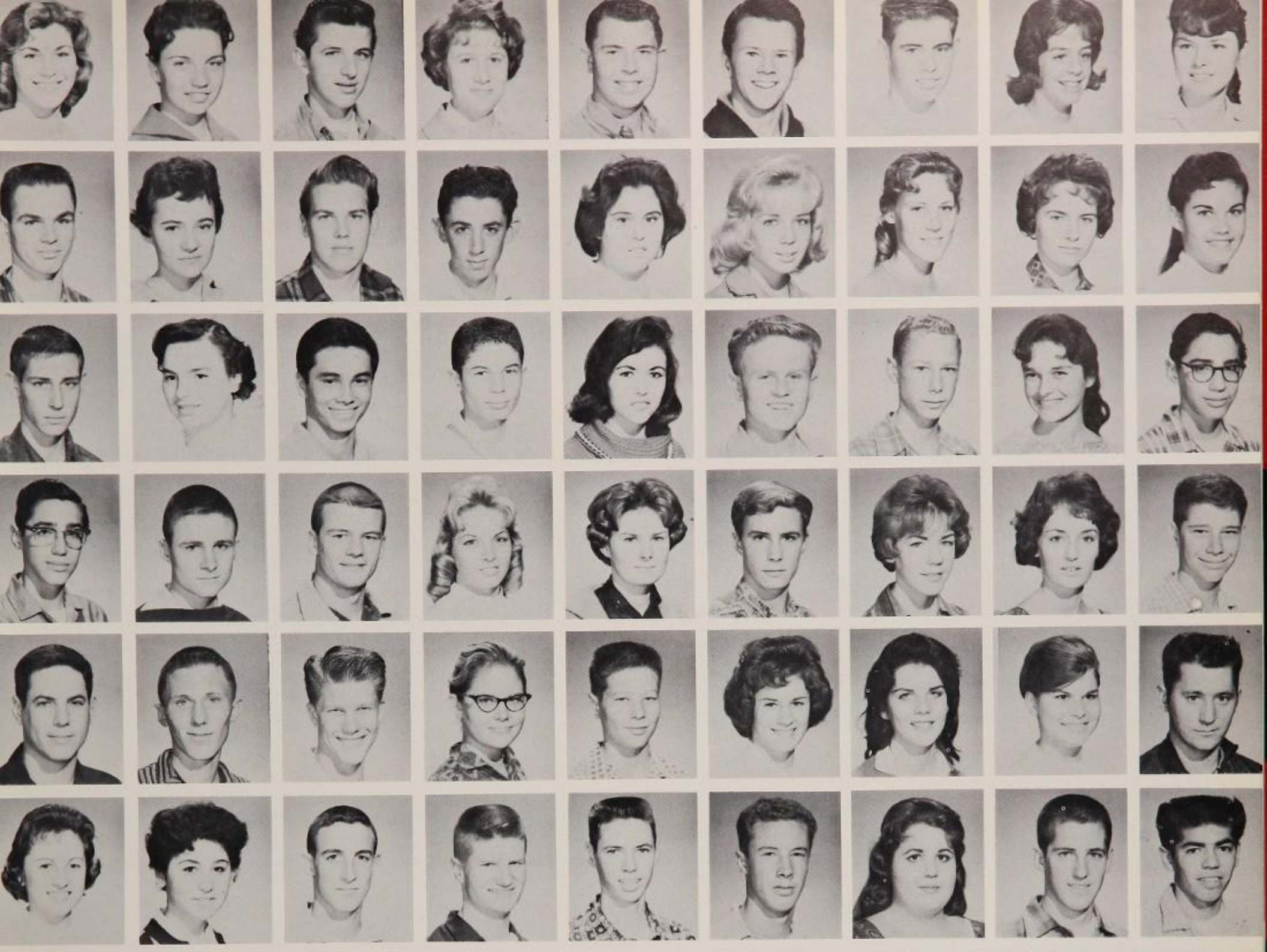
Sandra Lieblich
Linda Lundgren
Kathleen Mallery
Dary Maticia
Lynne Millstein
Paul Mosher

Donna Lilly
Ralph Lundgren
Sandra Malek
Joeann Mauro
Barry Mitchell
Michael Movius

Steve Lindsay
Peggy Lyon
Sandy Mandeville
Pamella Mayo
Deanna Mollner
Doug Mowinckel

Elizabeth Lindsey
Steve McCormick
Sandy Martha
Rita Meiser
Barbara Monteath
Gayle Mueller

Maryanne Loegering
Mike McDougal
Ann Marriner
Bill Menzing
Fred Montgomery
Jim Muld



Lynn Murphy
Gary Nicklaus
John Parker
Stephen Philips
Richard Price
Heather Reid

Susan Murphy
Kris Niles
Carol Parks
Hartie Phillips
Jim Pruss
Karen Reidder

John Mutalo
John Norin
Edward Patty
Rick Phillips
Ken Putman
Bob Reiner

Patricia Mykoski
Jim Notaro
Rick Pecel
Bernie Pieri
Maureen Quilligan
John Rice

Barry Nadell
Karen Olin
Carole Pedmore
Barbara Piggott
John Randolph
Riley Richardson

Rob Neel
Cathy Opp
Ken Penn
Bob Piggott
Rebel Raymond
Gordon Ripple

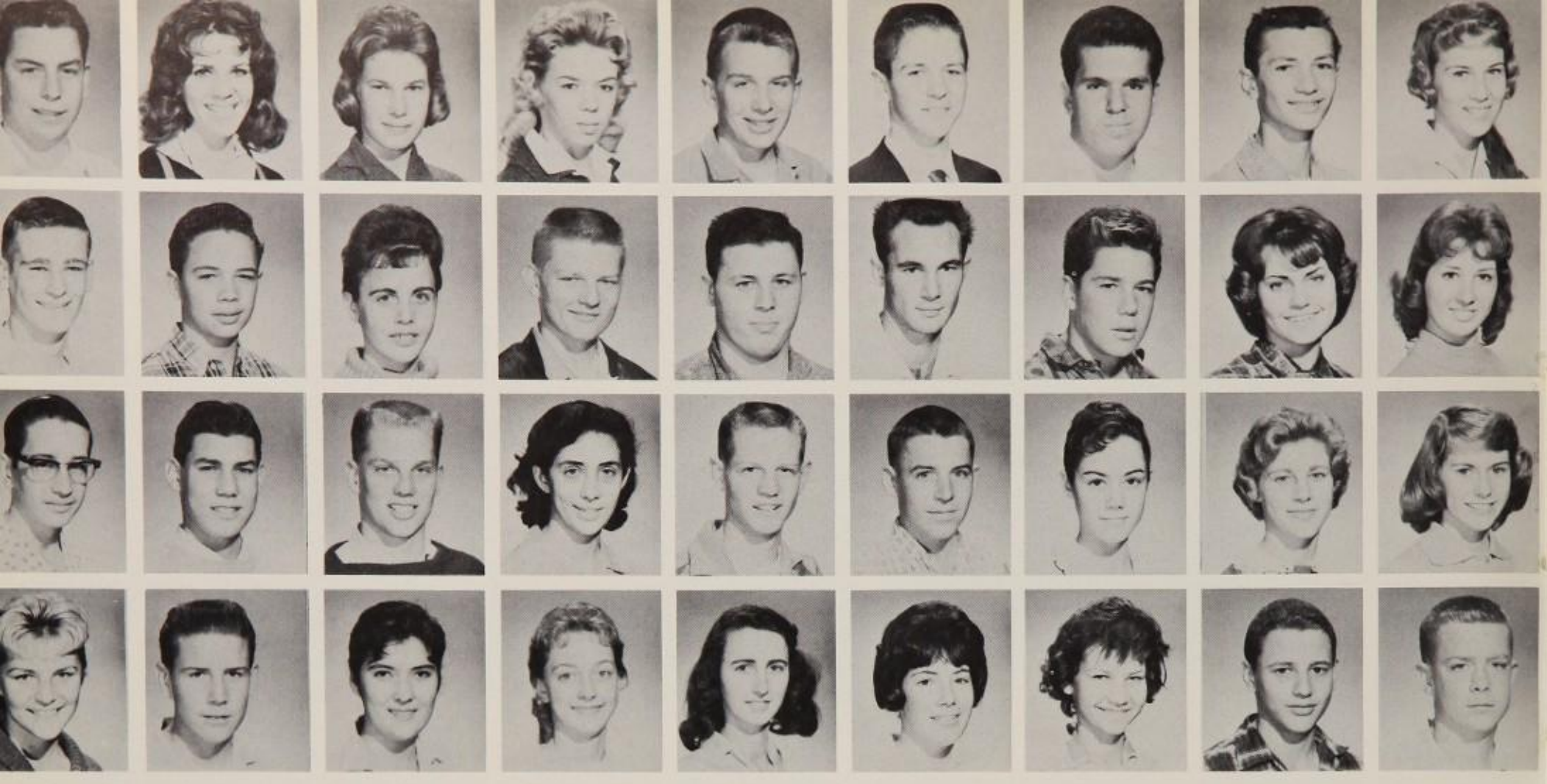
Larry Nelson
Marilyn Outwater
Tom Percer
Judie Piner
Kitsy Reed
Barbara Robertson

Kathy Neugebauer
Shari Overholser
Shannon Petruzzi
Karen Pokosh
Nicci Reed
Doug Robinson

Andrea Newcomer
Susan Painter
Rodger Philips
Bob Pollard
Frank Redmond
Louie Rodriguez

FROM NORTH AND SOUTH AND EAST AND WEST

Hundreds share in the fun at each Taft sports night, taking part in such activities as jump rope, volleyball and limbo dancing.



ob Rosengard
ohn Scherer
ohn Spangler
andy Speth

Sue Ross
Michael Schmutzler
Grant Shoemaker
Mark Squires

Christine Roth
Karen Schrader
Terry Shrader
Elyse St. John

Pat Roye
George Schreder
Marie Siracusa
Leslie Steele

John Puckett
Stuart Schweit
Jon Sloan
Val Steeves

Dick Russo
George Scott
Donald Smith
Karen Steffen

Jim Russo
Al Seale
Renee Smith
Mary Steven

Jim Sahagian
Jeanie Starr Seely
Sherry Smith
Greg Stevenson

Linda Saint Claire
Sharon Segoine
Sherry Smith
Hugh Stinson

THEY CAME TO MAKE

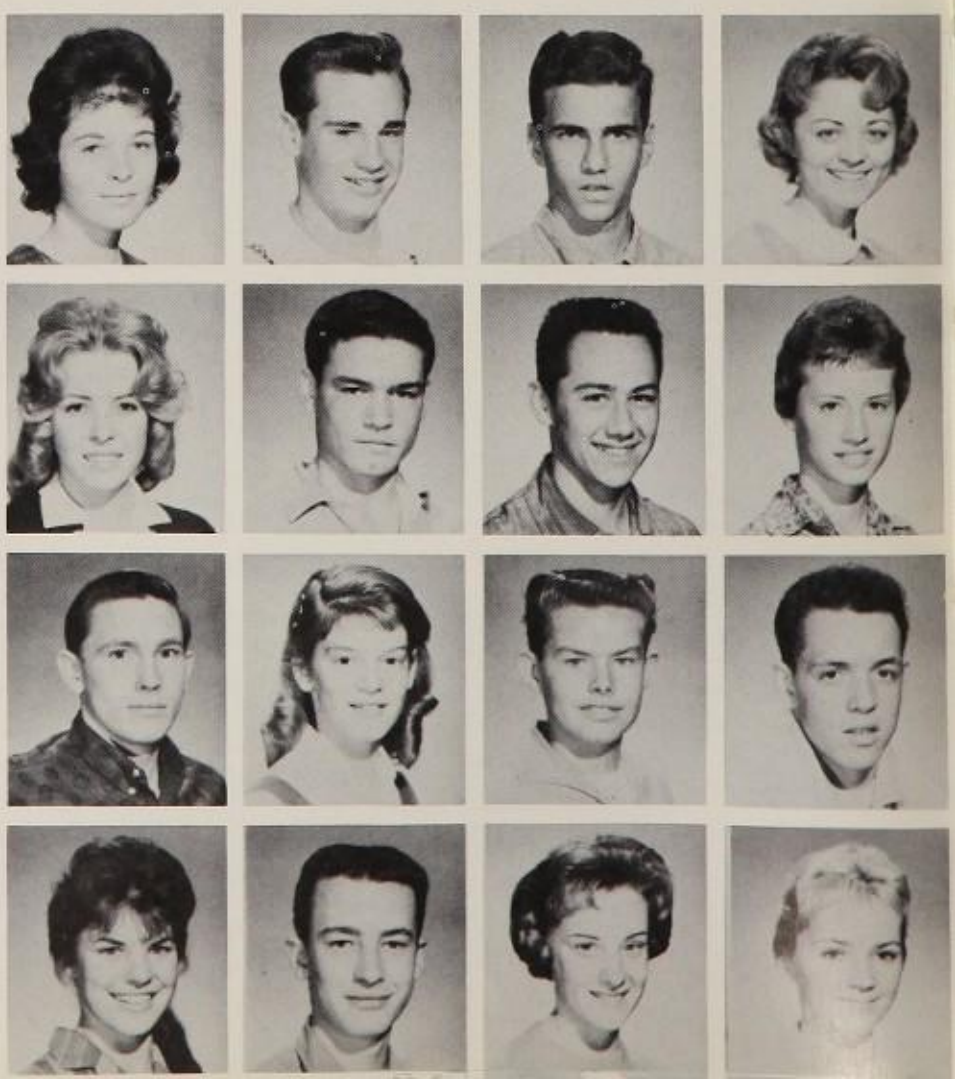
Darryl Grover, depicting the Christmas season in Hawaii, practices Hawaiian type dancing on the hula hoop.

Maureen Streeter
Lucene Terrusa
Scot Treggett
Kathy Walters

Bob Street
Richard Testi
Sandy Tribotte
Bill Ward

Eric Struhl
Armand Thompson
Jeff Uldricks
Chris Watson

Janet Strode
Carolyn Thompson
Guy Valiando
Jeannie Watt



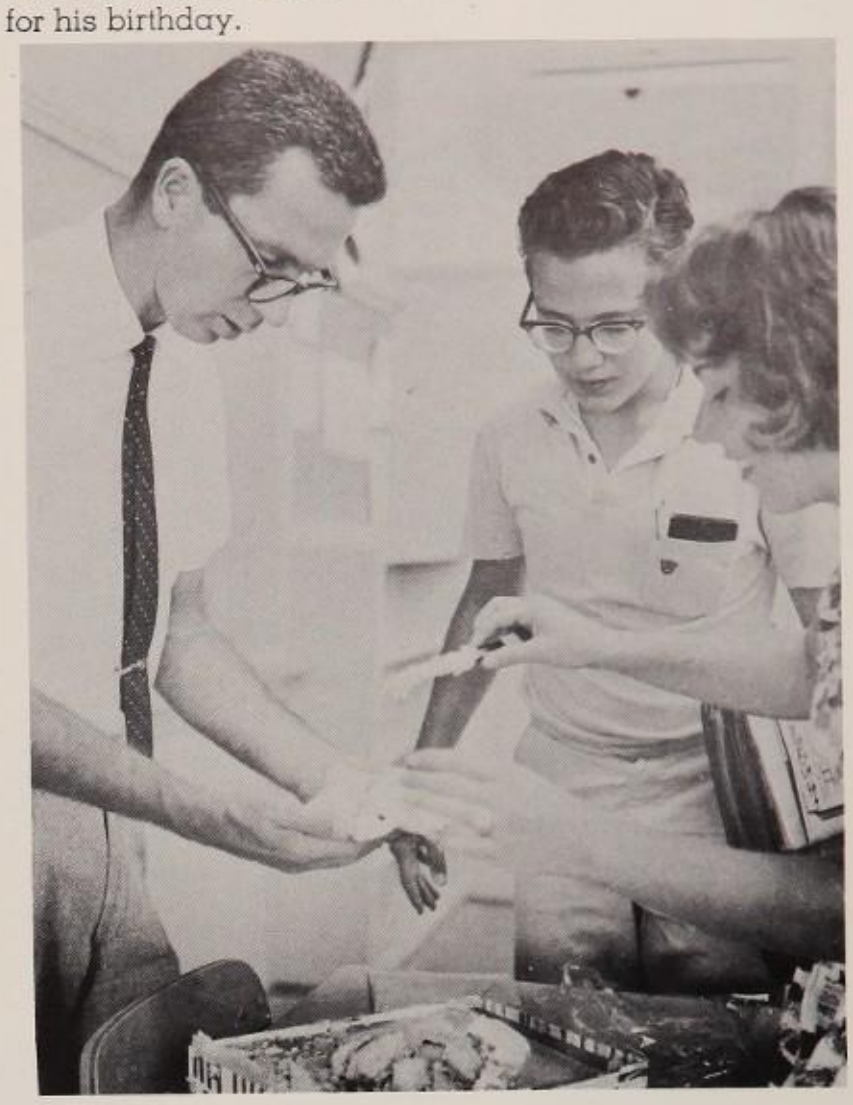
Jerry Sanders
Karin Severson
Gail Snowlton
Nancy Studhalter

Peg Sanders
Joyce Shamony
Kathy Sommer
Rick Stutley

Tony Sarno
Stanley Shave
Beverly Sotolov
Frank Strauss

Mike Sayer
Greg Shee
Sue Southworth
Bill Streb

Mr. Crossman steps out of the field of geometry for a while to sample a delicious cake that his students baked for his birthday.



"NEW TAFT" THE BEST

Bob Sunseri
Darlene Thompson
Tom Vanderbush
Ronnie Way

Chris Sutton
John Thompson
Patricia Vaughn
Linda Weary

Kathy Svolos
Pat Thompson
Linda Vick
Dennis Webster

Mary Swanson
Randy Thompson
Bonnie Vollmer
Gail Weichlein

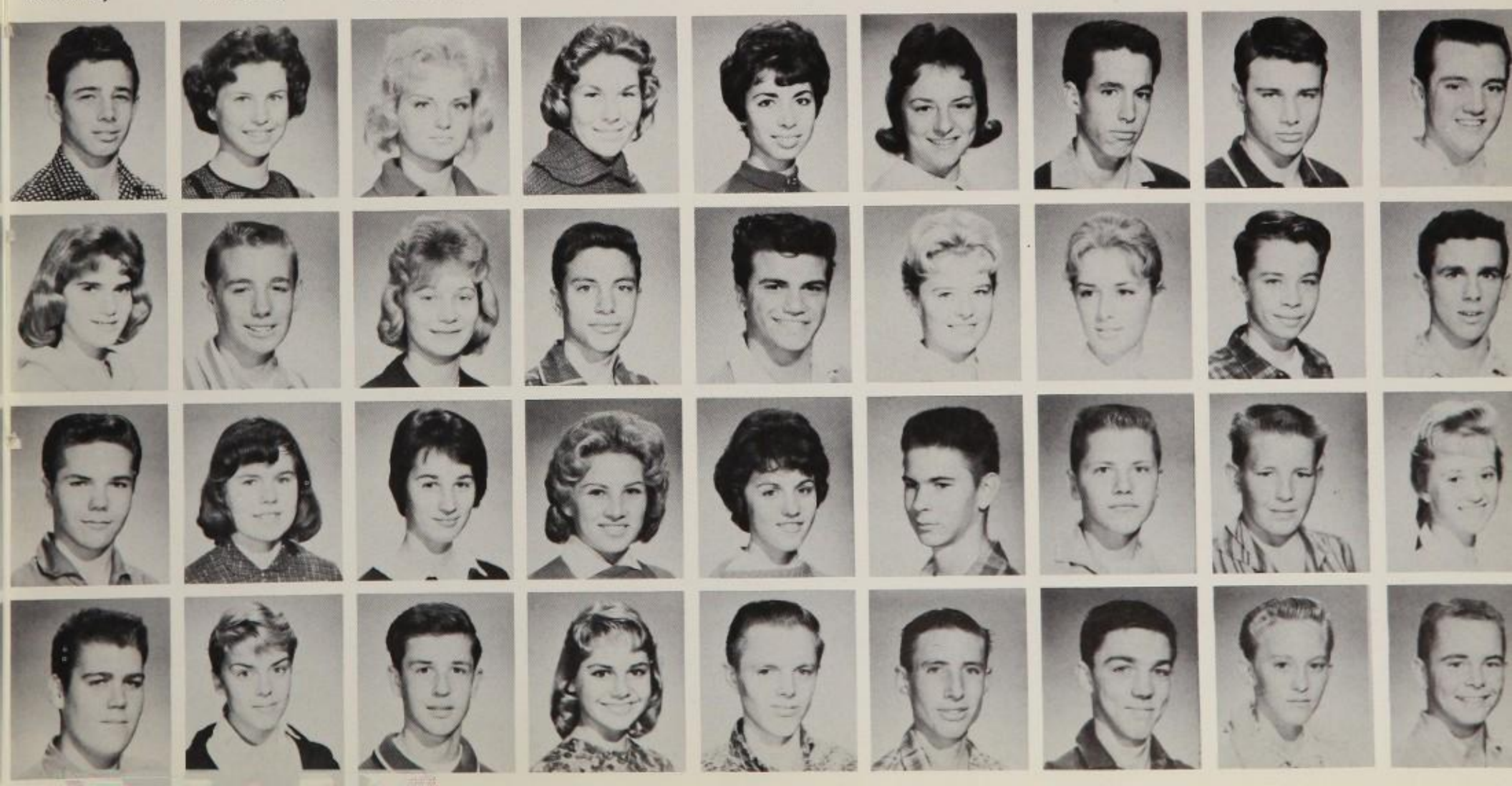
Joanne Sworzyn
Patrick Tirone
Karen Vonderahe
Jim Weimer

Jan Tauber
Tina Tolle
Don Vose
Pat Wheeler

Phil Tauchas
Marie Townsend
Gary Wagley
Brian White

Dave Taylor
Malcolm Toy
Chuck Walker
Don White

Dennis Taylor
Bob Treggett
Sandie Wallstrom
John White



Glenn Willins
Sherry Willis

Bill Williams
Marty Wish

Margaret Witherspoon
Lannie Wood

Nadine Woolley
Sandra Yocum

Deanna Zanutto
Bob Zink

Smile! Hold it, that's good!

Tom Cavanaugh
Rick Haswell
Barbara Mozzer

Bonnie Chalik
Gail Heller
Linda Olander

Connie Bartholomew
Gail Cutler
Donald Hill
Diane Prophet

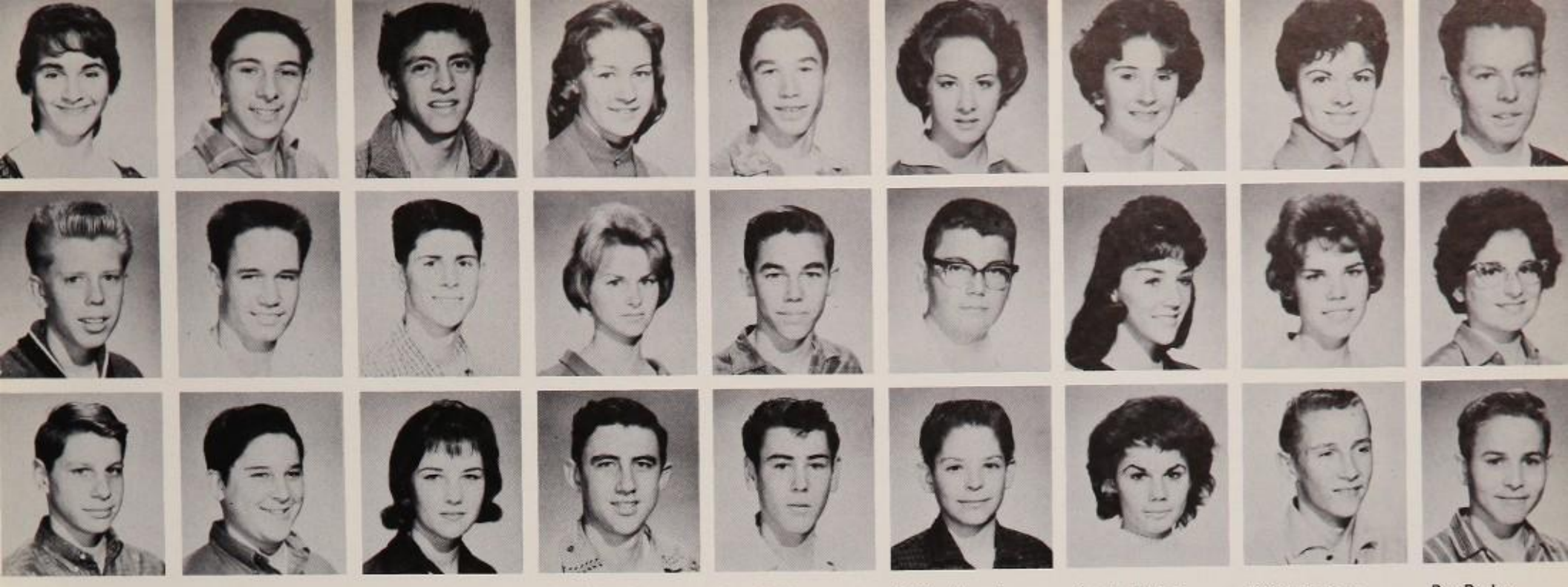
Jerry Beaumont
Marianne Dohrenberg
Denice Hodges
Jay Romais

Lance Beiner
George Eastley
Bill Julian
Ray Shaw

Janice Berger
Mike Flack
Edward Kraus
Loxi Struckus

Robert Bernstein
Dan Ford
Nancy Lee
Ronald Swepston

Bill Blaylock
John Hanna
Chuck Matthews
Lydia Woltag



Freddie Abell
Eddie Barnhart
Mike Bleifer

Larry Ackerman
Dick Bedal
Neil Bordofsky

Anthony Albites
Alan Bennett
Marlene Brenton

Kay Albrecht
Pat Berner
Walter Brock

David Alkire
Jeff Biggs
Gary Brody

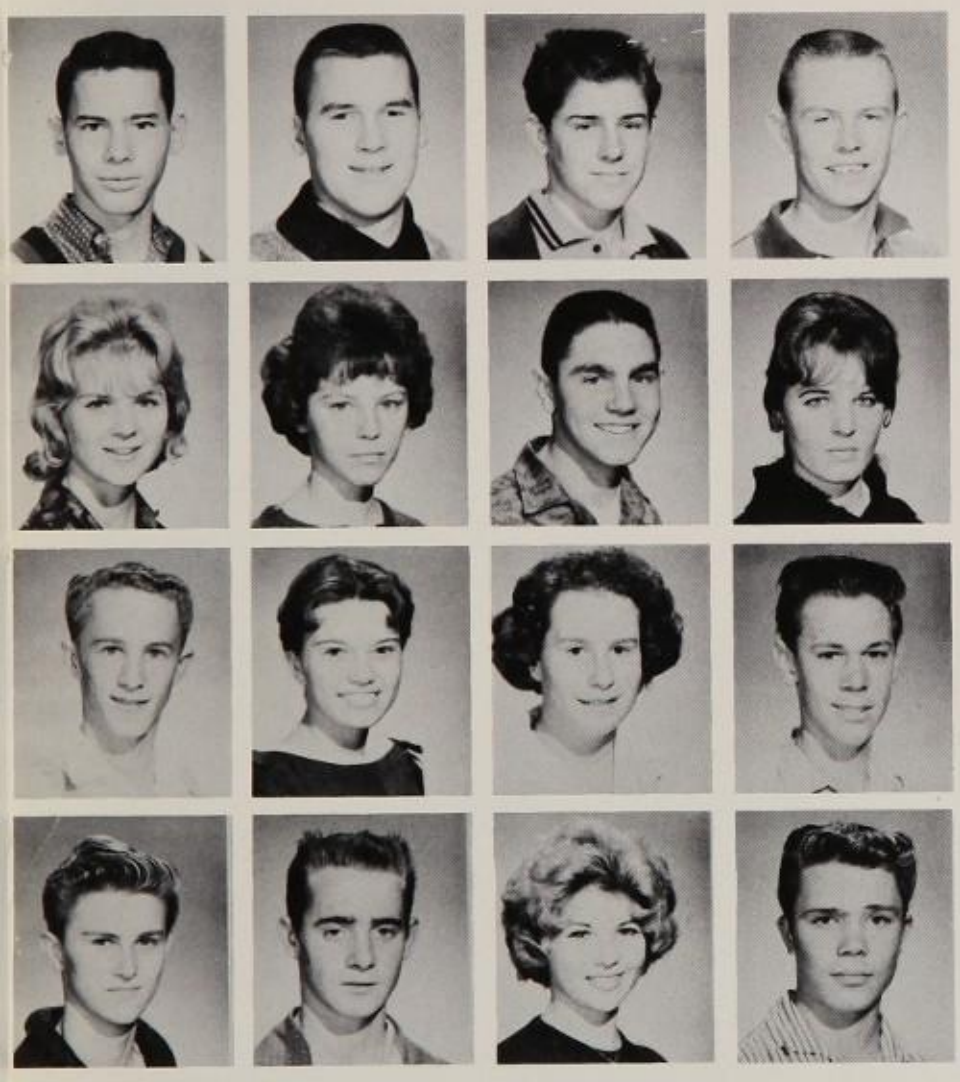
Dottie Atwood
Chester Billman
Steve Bunch

Carolyn Baines
Carol Blake
Ute Busche

Kathy Barbera
Kay Blanchfield
Bob Butler

Ray Barker
Bebi Bland
Dennis Butler

THE JUNIORS WORKED AND DID THEIR PART



Ken Caruso
Kathy Cosgrove
Gary Dane
Keith Dover

Pete Carpenter
Donna Countis
Sue DeHaven
Jerry Crandall

Michael Carr
Bob Crookshanks
Fraeda Depper
Michaelle Easton

Ken Coons
Donna Curington
Robby Dickinson
Jim Evans

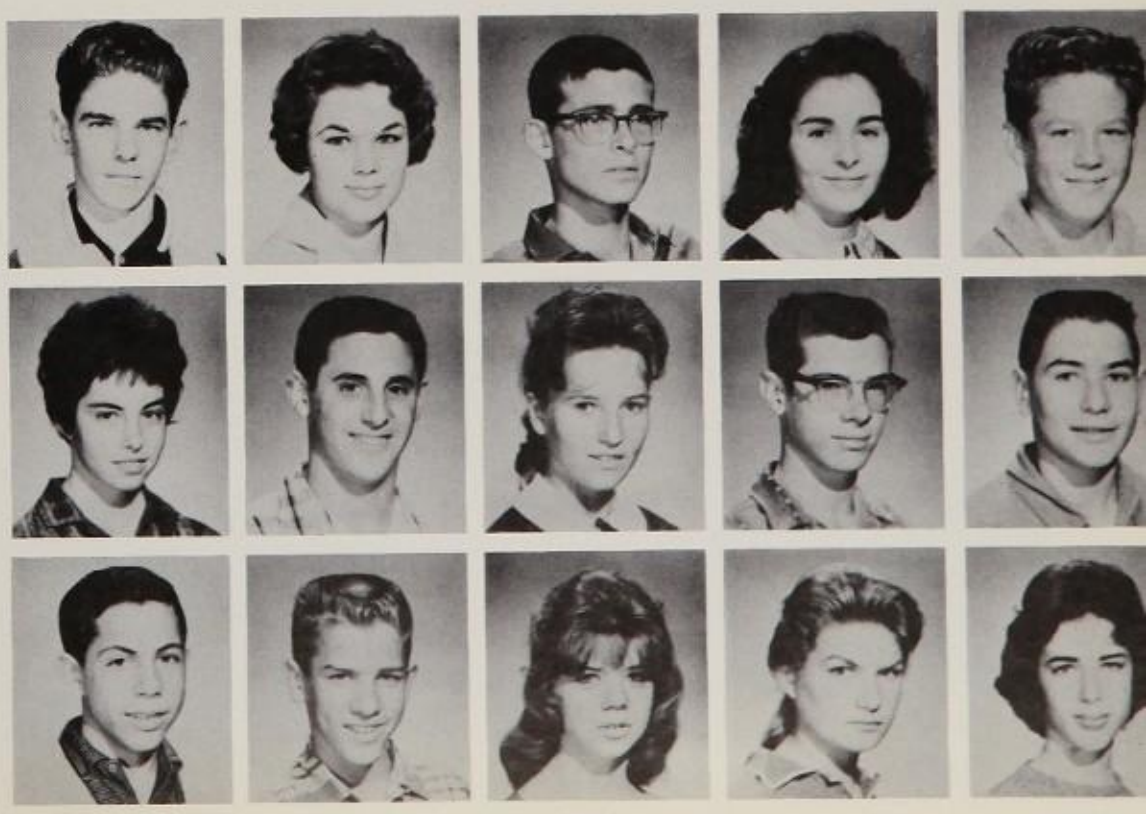
Al Feers
Penny Grady
Larry Gurewitz

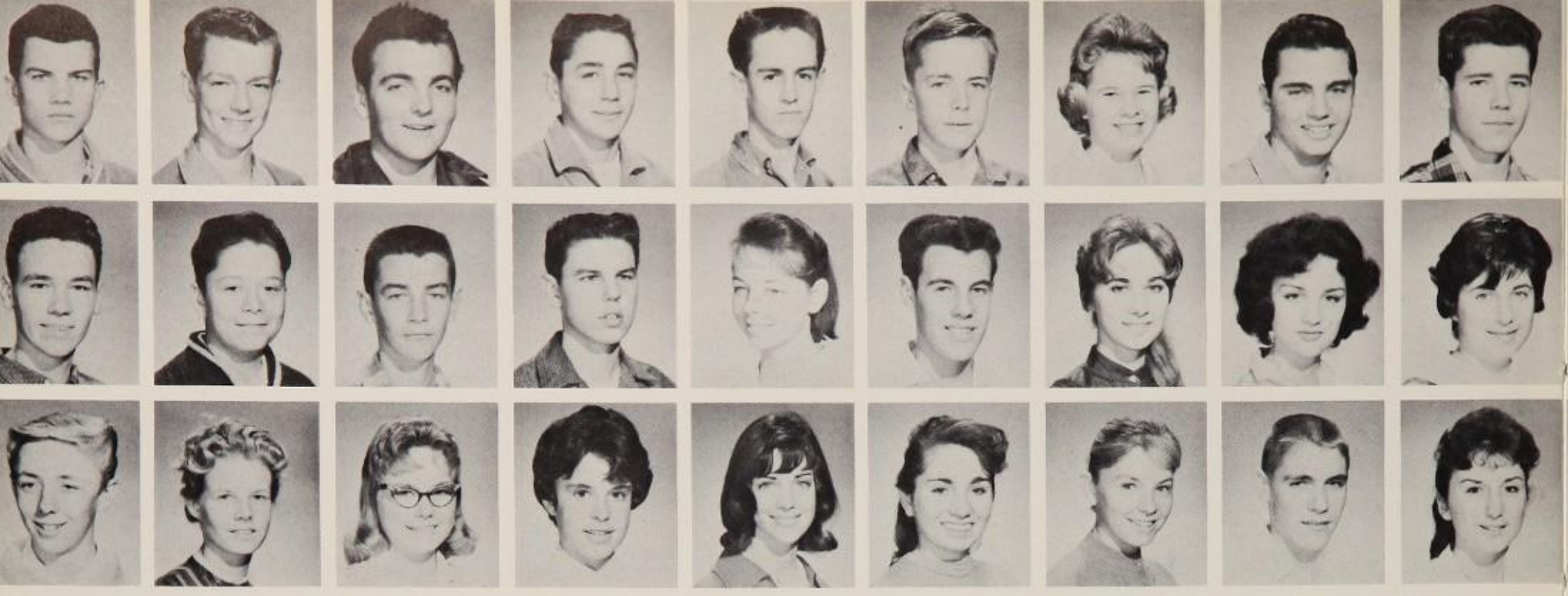
Diane Fleckenstein
Barry Green
Tom Hagan

Roger Fox
Genie Gregs
Donna Harper

Rosemary Franchimone
Garry Gregson
Sue Hartman

Bill Given
Larry Grossman
Barbara Hathaw





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Steve Kast
Chuck Long

Bryan Hinton
Tig Kempe
Bonnie McDowell

Art Holland
Steve Kennerley
Suzi McDowell

Ken Holliday
Gordon Kjeldergaard
Jean McLeod

Mike Horn
Cynthia Kopp
Billie McNair

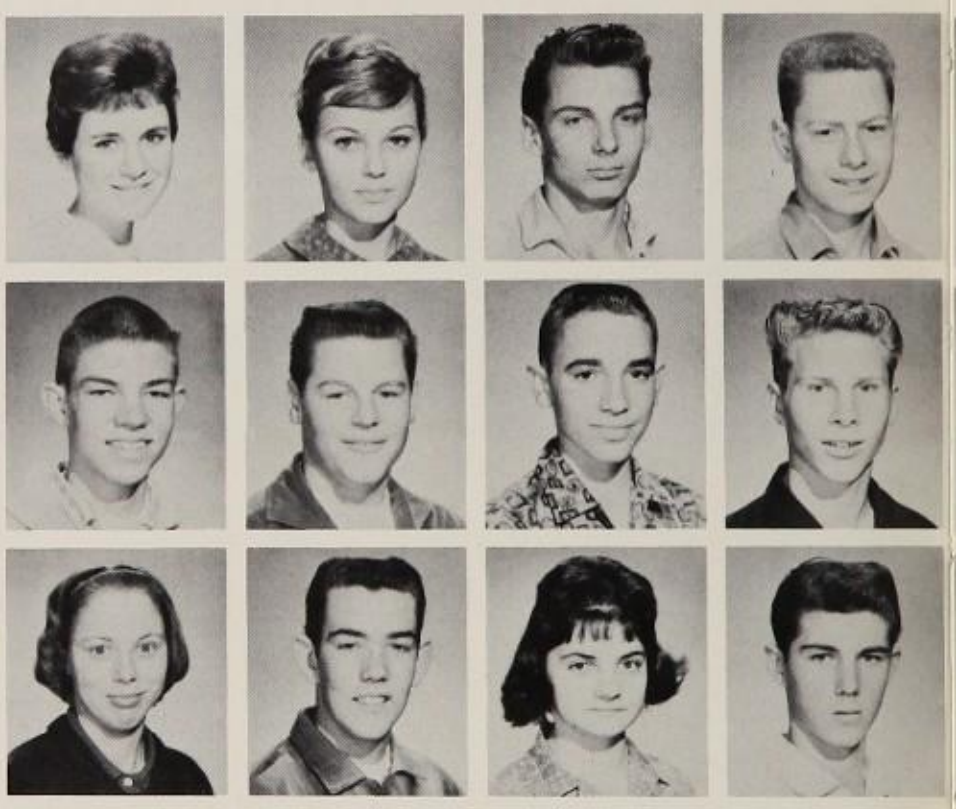
Ron Hudson
Richard Kuznetsky
Carolyn Main

Judy Huppert
Sharyn Leach
Dian Messina

Stan Hurwitz
Heather Lee
Mike Meyer

Vic Johnson
Laraine Levin
Carla Morano

GIVING TAFT A HEFTY START



Betsy Najjar
Tom Parker
Olivia Popa

Bobbie Neeley
Steve Paul
Frank Portanova

Richard Noling
Tom Paul
Andy Potter

John Norman
Vernon Peterson
Jack Quinn

At Open House Miss Link find parents very easy to talk to if she uses their native tongue instead of her Spanish.

Tevis Jones
Joe Lichtman
Terry Mullins

Jerry Jurdan
Chris Lind
Vicki Muse

Derth Obbink
Jeanne Pfeifer
Sandy Ragan

Jeanne Orrell
Cynthia Phillips
Jery Ravin

Vineta Ozolins
Keith Pineo
Rick Renfro

Linda Painter
John Plume
Jim Richardson

Mr. Ellis wonders if his friend is a disgruntled parent or a nocturnal dweller as they casually engage in conversation.

Joan Richter
Leslie Sands
Diane Tomlinson

Robin Roberts
Phyllis Scher
Fred Walterscheid

Deri Robertson
Larry Schwartz
Rodger Weeks

Nancy Robyn
Pat Schennum
Alan Weiss

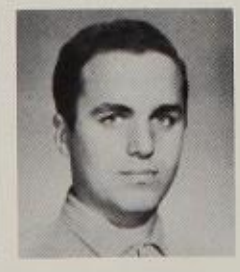
Michele Rockmaker
Francine Simon
Carlie Weston

Harris Rosenthal
Jon Singer
Judy Wheeler

Lee Roskin
Nick Smith
Chuck Williams

Gary Ross
Sue Stansbury
Cecilia Wilson

Dick Russell
Jim Strawn
Tom Wood



Robin Abner
Jeff Alkana
James Aussem
Rick Barnes

Mariann Abram
Marilyn Alverez
Alexis Aycock
Anne Barrett

Sigrid Adsit
Helen Anderson
Bill Baker
Don Bauch

Tedra Adsit
Marty Anderson
John Balaam
Steve Bauer

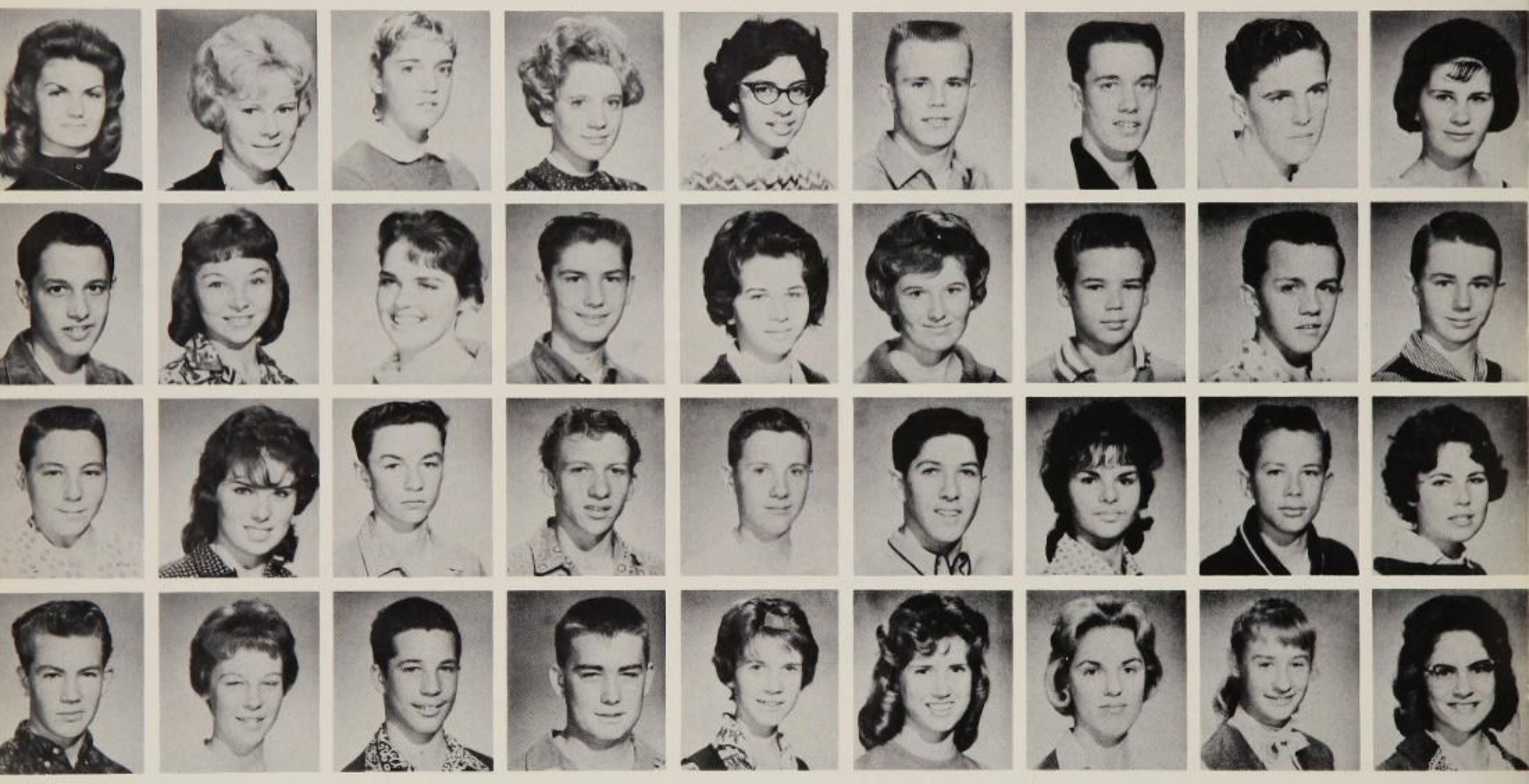
Rachel Aguayo
Karen Andrews
Stanley Banes
Helen Beale

Phil Akerman
Pam Andrews
Neil Bardack
Betty Beaumont

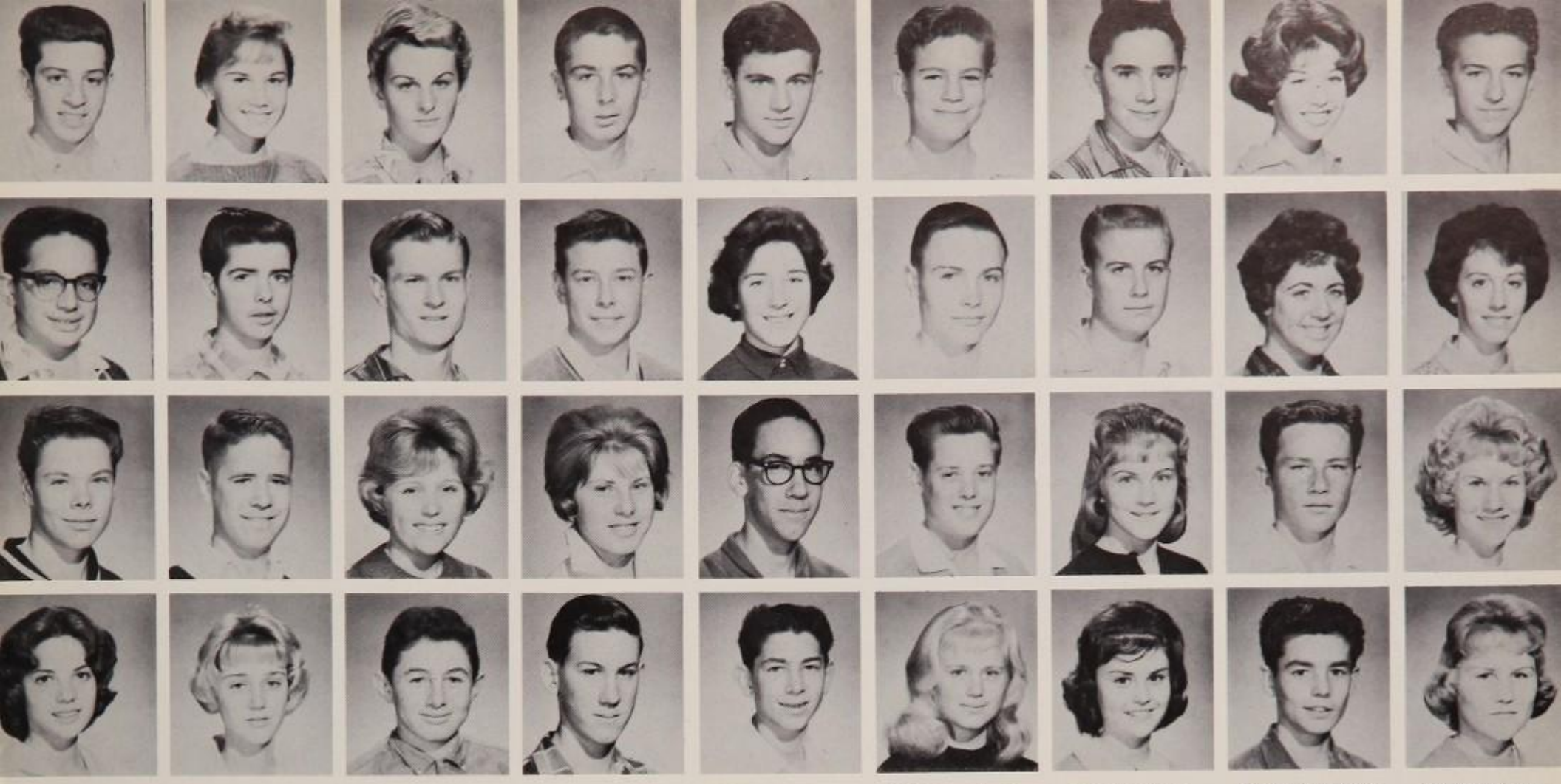
Ray Akins
Steve Apperson
Frances Barker
Kristy Beaumont

Jeff Alexander
Dick Armstrong
David Barnes
Kim Beardsley

Marilyn Alexander
Mike Arnold
Francie Barnes
Betty Beck



The combined efforts of the drama, music and art departments made possible an interesting, unusual and well liked Christmas program.



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Irving Bertram
Ed Boening
Kathy Brady

Chris Beckett
Clark Berrier
Ed Boggess
Paula Brandenburg

Marilyn Beer
Bob Blakey
Chris Boon Hartsinck
Stephen Braunstein

Thaine Bell
Bob Blanks
Mary Lou Bonham
Bob Breeker

Ed Bentley
Barbara Blattman
Dave Borup
Barry Breen

Eric Benzenhoefer
Rex Bloom Jr.
Bruce Bowdin
Suzi Brewer

Gary Berentsen
Michael Bloore
Judy Boyett
Barbara Bright

Marlene Bergman
Judy Blumenfeld
John Brack
Russell Bronson

Dave Bergstrom
Pam Bocchio
Dianna Brackett
Jacqueline Brooks

ANOTHER FIRST WAS FOUND TAFT-BOUND

Jeanne Brooks
Anita Bugh
Lynne Calig
Peter Champion

Carol Brown
Sherry Bumgarrin
George Camacho
Linda Chamney

Sandy Browne
Madolyn Bungert
Alice Campbell
John Chanslor

Jane Brosius
Russell Burrell
Chuck Campione
Evelyn Chelnek

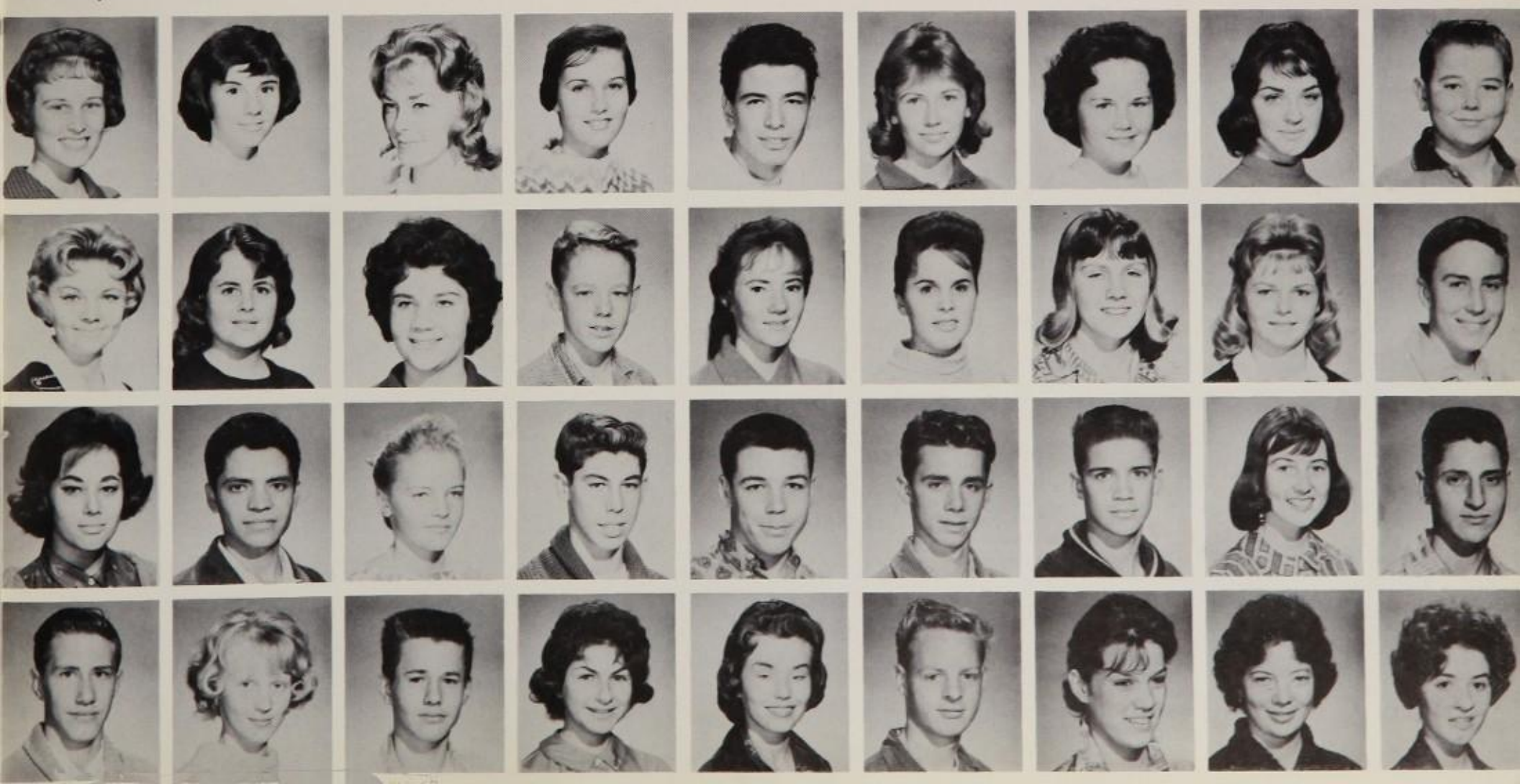
Alice Clark
Peter Brugetti
Linda Burns
Robert Carlson

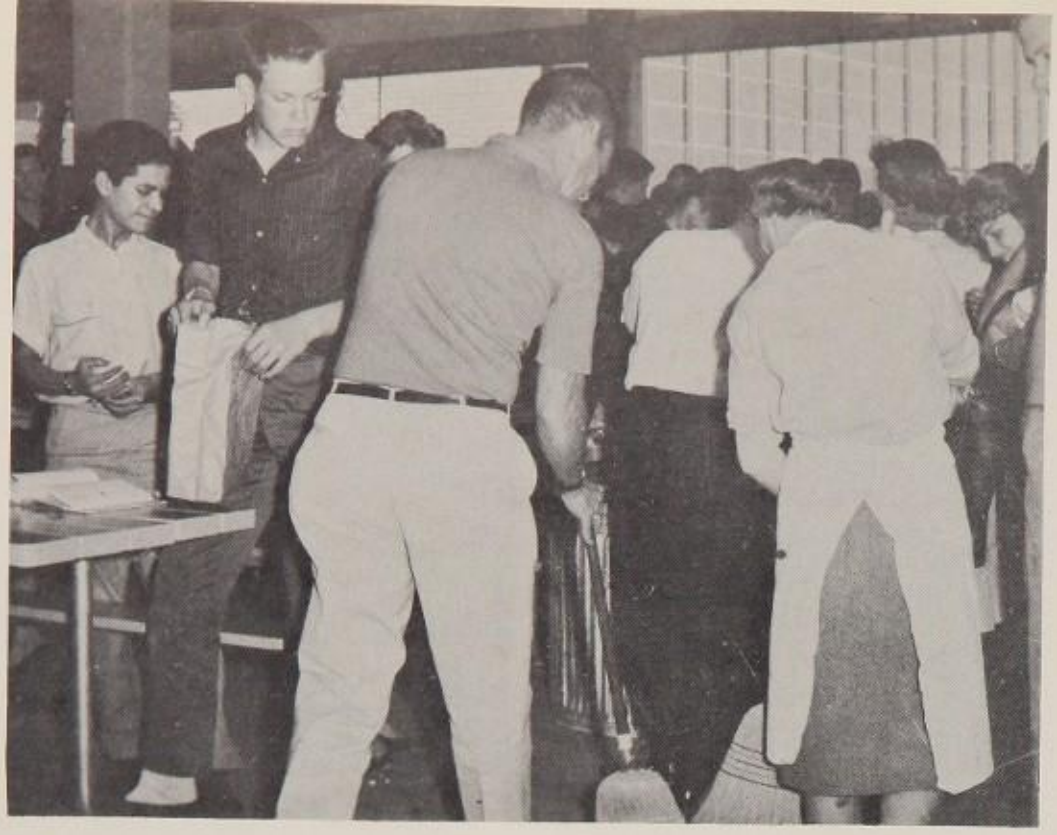
Betsey Bruner
Linda Bushnell
Duane Carlson
Jim Cleaveland

Barbara Bruttig
Jill Butlin
Ben Carter
Kathleen Clements

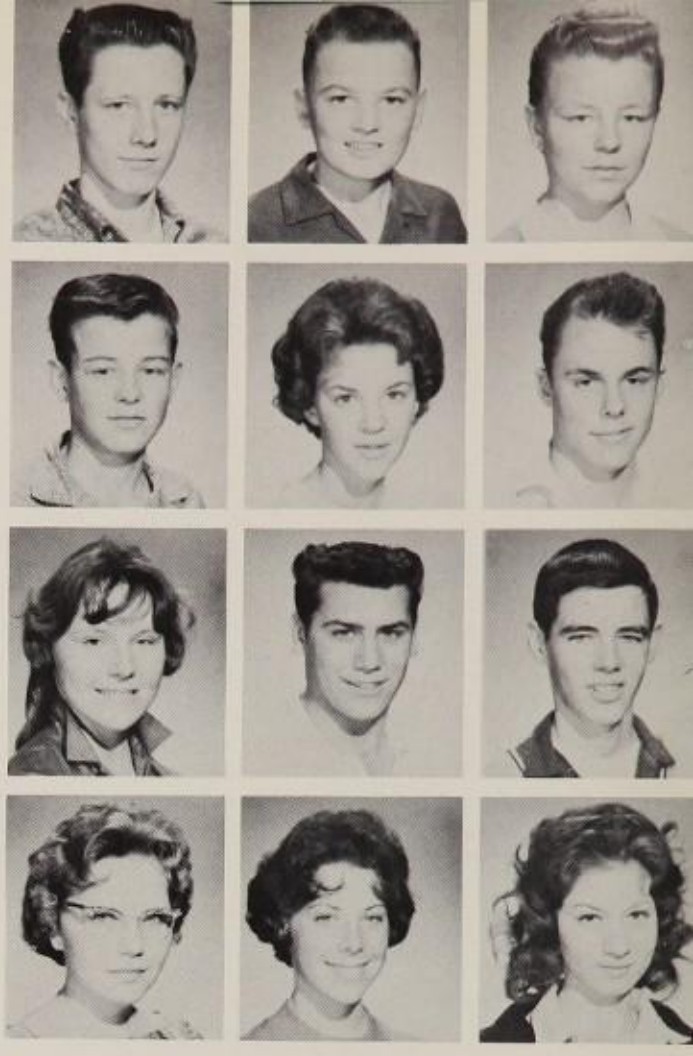
Jordan Buck
JoAnn Byus
Mary Carter
Diane Clifford

William Buchanan
Cliff Caballero
Richard Casanova
Janis Cline





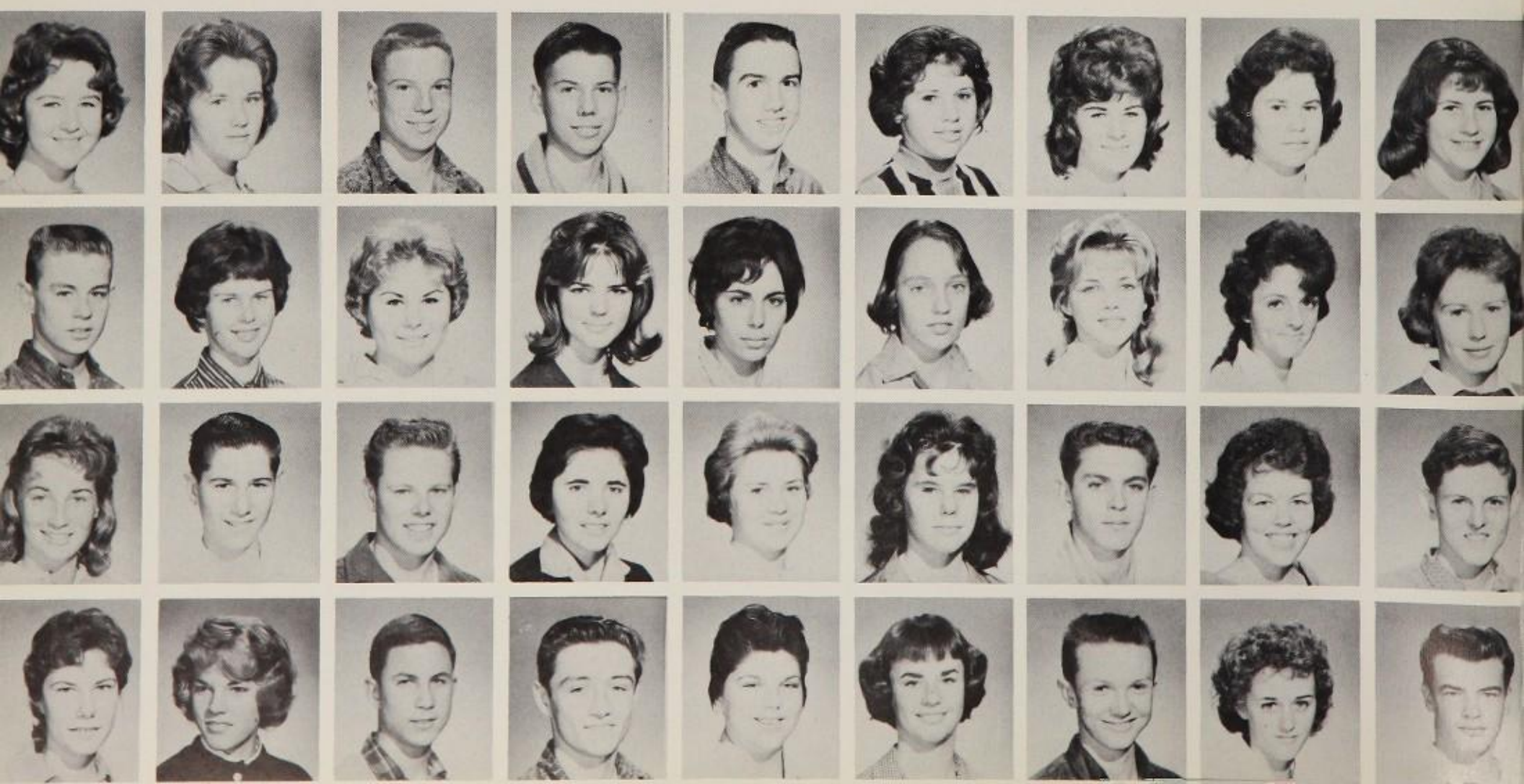
Teachers roll up their sleeves and join in the fun of keeping our campus sparkling.

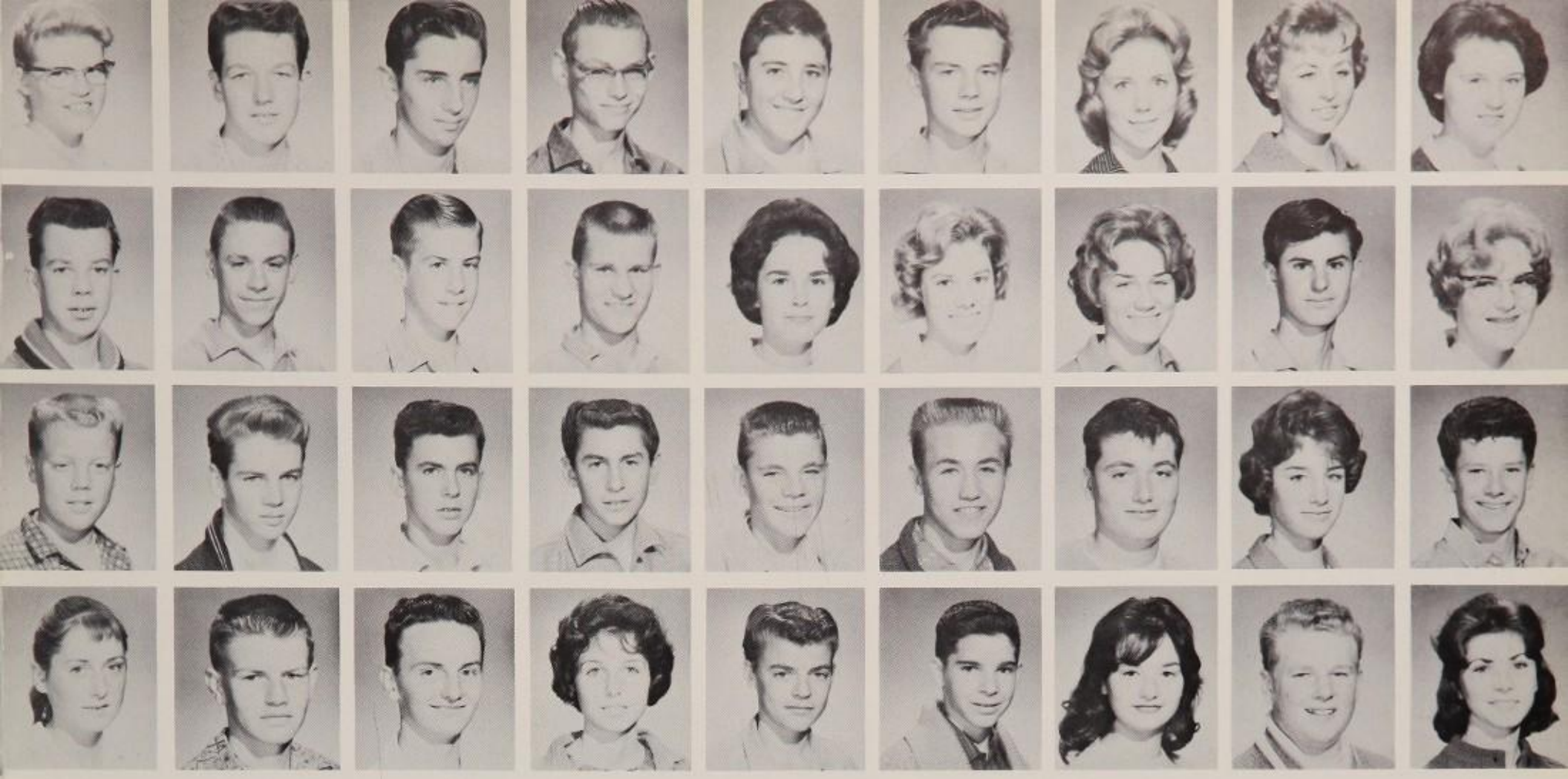


Alan Cohee
Paul Coveney
Marsha Danov
Karen Eunice Deloach
Paul Colbert
Wendy Covey
Tom Daviana
Susan Deveroux
Chris Colmus
Richard Cox
Pete Davidson
Carol DeVito

WHEN SOPHOMORES HEARD THE

Julie Downing
Bill Eilert
Diane Fauria
Linda Forbes
Barbara Doyle
Jay Ellingston
Jay Feick
Alice Fowler
Ernest Drube
Anne Elliott
Jim Ferguson
Scott Frazier
Martin Dunlap
Nancy Elsmore
Cynthia Field
John French
Scott Dunlap
Dee Elster
Wanda Fillmore
Sandra Fritzinger
Linda Dunn
Cheryl Ely
Delaine Firebaugh
Dianne Froom
Sharon Dunn
Jo Ann Ely
Bob Fisher
Phil Frye
Gail Dunphy
Shelly Engberg
Judy Fisher
Kathy Fuhler
Yvonne duVernet
Mary Ennis
Tony Fletcher
Bob Fuller





Lynn Common
Steve Cox
Alan Davis
Mary DeWitt

Gary Conover
Ken Grainger
Greg Davis
Pete Diggins

Thomas Consolo
Lynn Crockatt
Ken Davis
Wendell Dillon

Glenn Cooper
Dean Cromwell
Rick Davis
Janet Dinkin

Rodney Coulombe
Diana Curren
Dale Day
Jim Ditzel

Roger Courtney
Linda Curtis
Randy Deasee
Tom Dixon

Catharine Courter
Renee Czajkowski
Danny Dee
Ann Jeanne Domokos

Donna Courter
Dennis Dallugge
Dede de Corsia
Gary Donnelly

Deann Coverdale
Marilyn Danov
Mario DeLaval
Diana Dougak

HIGH SCHOOL SOUND

Nancy Edwards
Harriet Evans
Bob Flippen
Rick Gabriel

John Egbert
Linda Ezzell
Mike Forester
Karlene Gallegly

Sheila Eicks
Charles Falcone
Martha Follmer
Kathy Garban

The "slop" a jazzy jumpy number that can be done by all, is a typical pastime for Taft Sportsnighters.

Armand Gautier
Mike Glazer
Jill Gribin

Bill Gay
Lynn Goodwine
Jeff Griggs

Diann Gayer
Joe Goddard
Toni Gripp

Wayne Gehres
Laurie Goldman
Wendy Grubb

Gary Gerber
Stuart Goldman
Pat Guziel

Alan Gering
Carol Gonden
Bill Hager

Caroline Gerth
Sally Goodwin
Carol Haines

Charlene Getter
Judie Goslin
Lon Handelsman

Mark Gibello
Patrice Graeger
Dianne Hansen

David Harker
Karen Hershfield
Jenny Holiman

Susan Harshman
Yolanta Hessel
Peter Holloway

Christine Hartstone
Sue Hewitt
Mickey Holzman

Neil Hausman
Marilynne Heyden
Kerry Holm

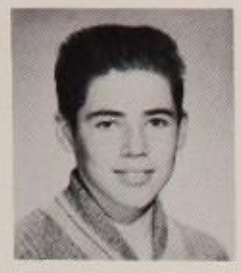
Chris Hasselle
Don Hildebrandt
Marvin Hoy

Shyra Immel
Douglas Judisch
Judi King

Joan Ireland
John Jurich
Ginger Kissane

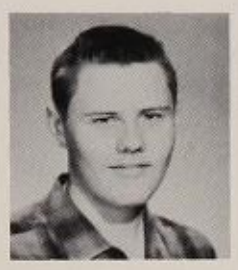
Many similarly informal conferences were held about the Campus as hundreds of parents descended on Taft for our second open house. Here Mr. Van Gorder discusses the relative merits of deviation dots and why young Mr. Smith has so many.

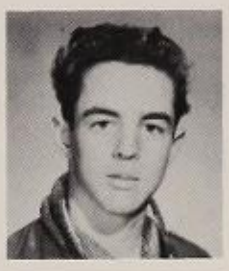
AS FIRST TO GO THREE YEARS THROUGH



Sandy Gifford
Jon Greene
Chip Hanson

Tom Giles
Jeff Gretz
Jack Harrison





Michael Haynie
Stephanie Hill
Bill Hubbard

Adele Healy
John Hiltabiddle
Linda Hull

Charles Helseth
Lorraine Hinkle
Bill Huyck

Gail Hellstein
Claudia Hoffman
Jeff Hyder

Dennis Herman
Mike Hoffelt
Janet Ickis

"Smith, Jones, Greene," 'n me. All aboard!" So the day starts when Mr. Ellis headed a motley crew of about 300 Taft's U. S. History students to see Davy Crockett in **The Alamo.**

Gary Iversen
Greg Kariiz
Jacki Klapman

Harold Janke
Kathy Katona
Pat Klay

Jay Carpenter
Al Kay
Steve Kostka

John Lomma
James Kaylor
Steve Krech

Dee Johnson
Kay Kennedy
Jeanne Kringlen

Karl Johnson
Roseanne Kenney
Barry Kues

Mike Johnson
Tom Kendrick
Cherie Kurtz

Lynn Jones
Bob Kerth
Lynn Labadie

James Josephson
Linda Ketchum
Craig Lamm

Boys physical classes aid in freeing our ivy covered banks from weeds.

THEY LOOKED AT

Darby Langdon
Al Lisi
Sue McKenney
Jean Marshburn

John Lantz
Daniel Little
Gail McKinsey
Ken Marten

Joe Lanza
Harold Lotman
Michele McKown
Darryl Medeen

Robin Laramy
Martin Lovequist
Mike McNeir
Dennis Mendenhall

Buzz Larson
Ronnie Luthy
Sue McNeely
Sandy Merrifield

Jane Larson
Ron McCaskill
Gil Maertens
Mike Mesterey

Frances Lefforge
Danny McCool
Rita Marcelle
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Lynnette McCormack
Lee Mark
Kathy Meyers

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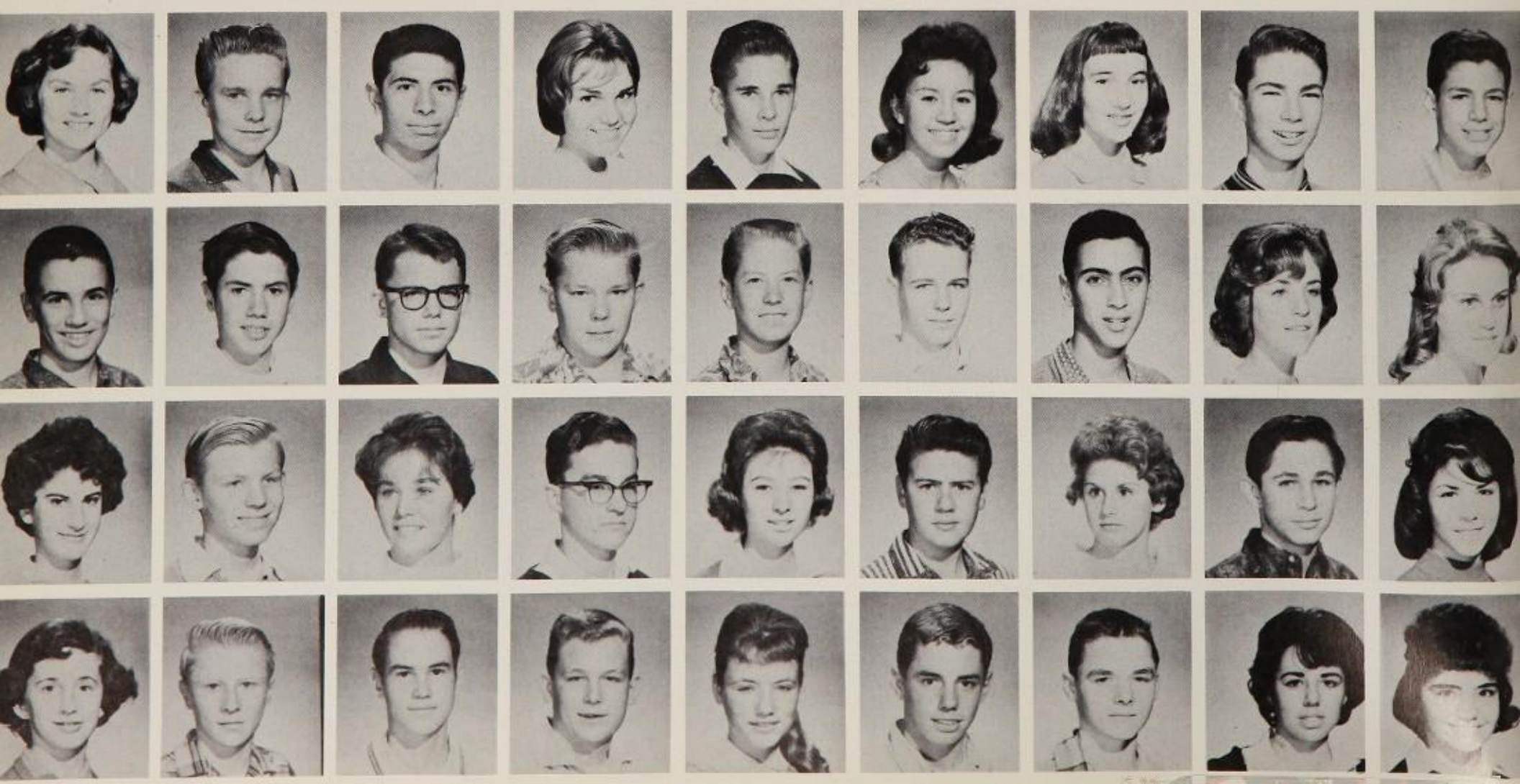

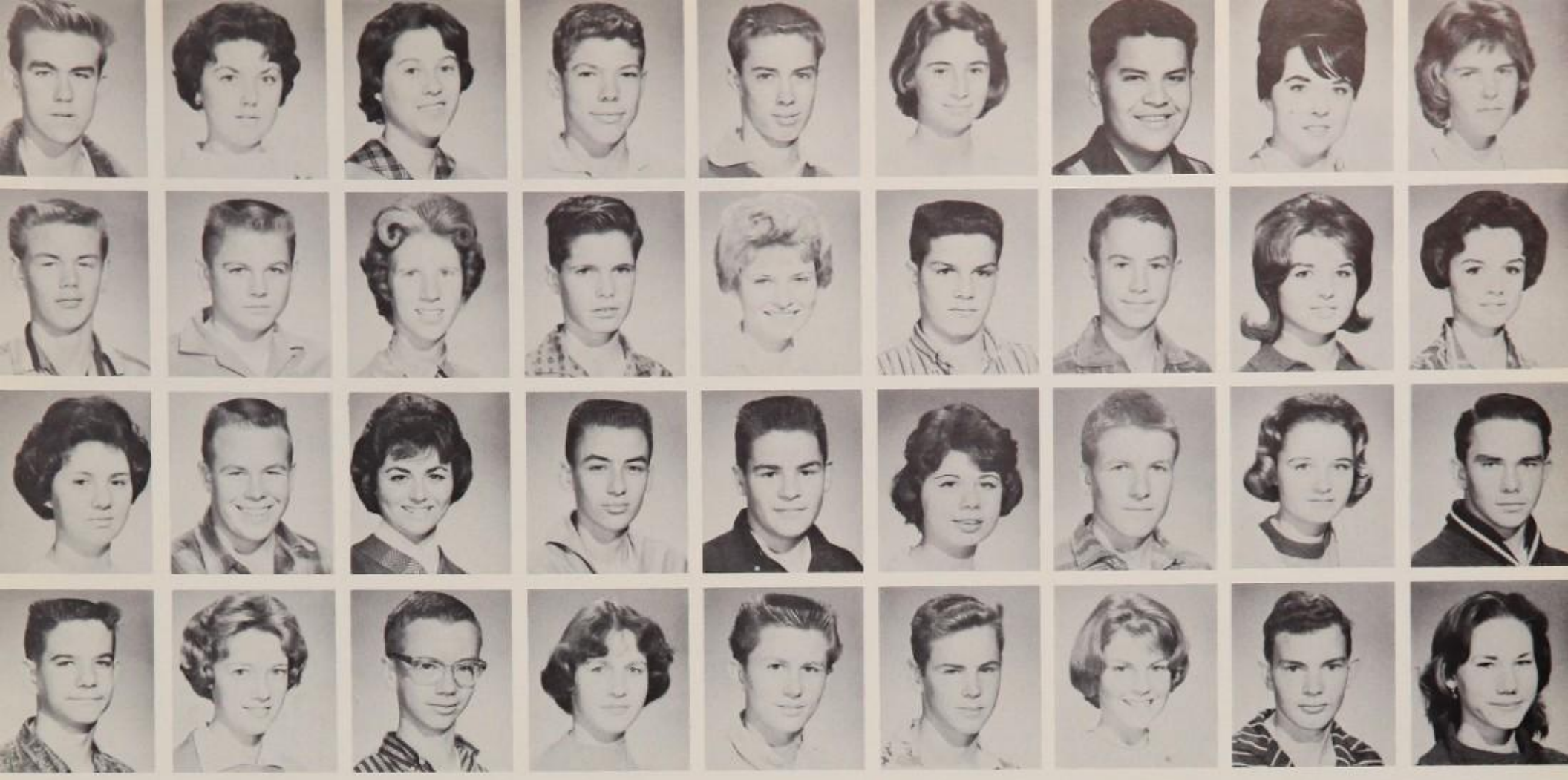

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George Morgan
Deena Nolst
Bob O'Neil

Linda Miles
Bill Mower
Larry Noreen
Carol Opdahl

Holly Minech
Myrilla Mowinckel
Sophia Nuccio
Dave Owens

Richard Miner
John Moore
Dave Oboler
Pamela Owens

David Mitchell
Carole Musser
Steve Oboler
Ron Paris

Ronnie Modtnick
Neal Nettler
Christa Oesterreicher
Mike Pardee

John Montenegro
Jim Nicholson
Chuck Oelze
Coral Peck

Marge Montgomery
Sue Nicklas
Barbara Olson
Robert Peddicord

Jan Monypeny
Pam Nolina
Paul Olson
Frances Peel

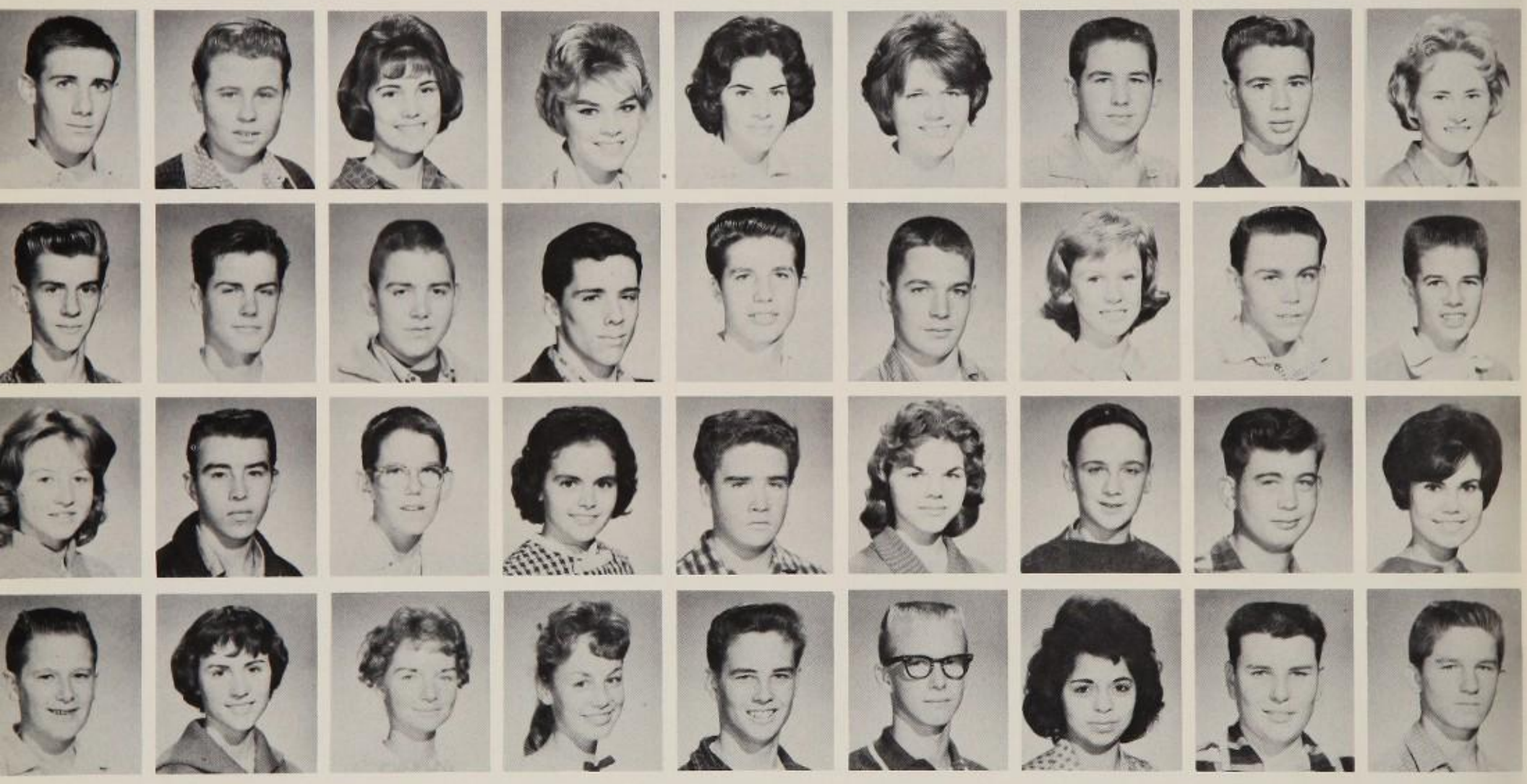
"ELDERS" FOR THEIR CUE

Anne Letvinchuck
Sean McDougal
Carole Marotta
Buzz Miller

Lorraine Lica
Pam McGuire
Tom Marshall
Cheri Miller

Carol Lane and Jim Fuller happily lead the crowd in cheers during exciting basketball game against Reseda.

Plenty of rousing spirit is shown by Toreadors as they cheer on our West Valley Champion Bees.



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Frank Prentice
Kathie Remish
Bill Roberts

Bob Perry
Phil Pscion
Bruce Renslow
Gail Robinson

Jane Peterson
Stephen Quilici
Chuck Renard
Karen Robinson

Deann Pettengill
Pat Quinlan
Sera Ricci
Pam Robinson

Anny Phares
Bill Raven
John Riggen
Steve Robinson

Kathy Phee
Milo Reese
Sandie Riley
Tucker Robbins

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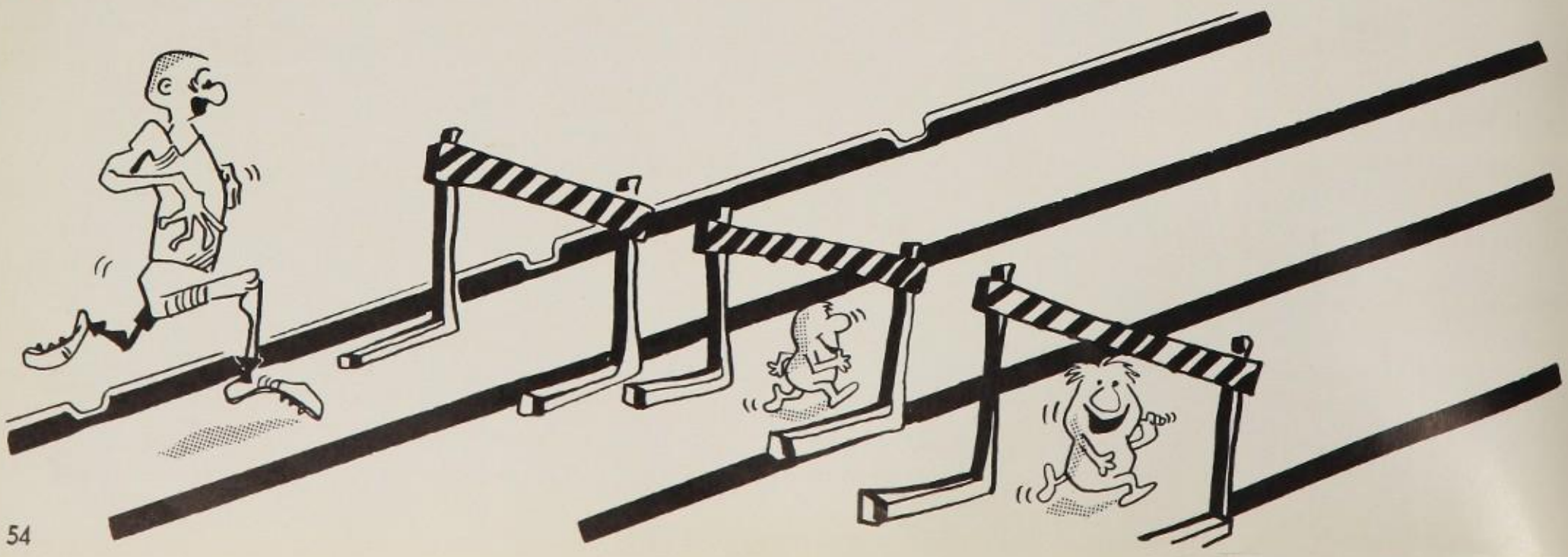

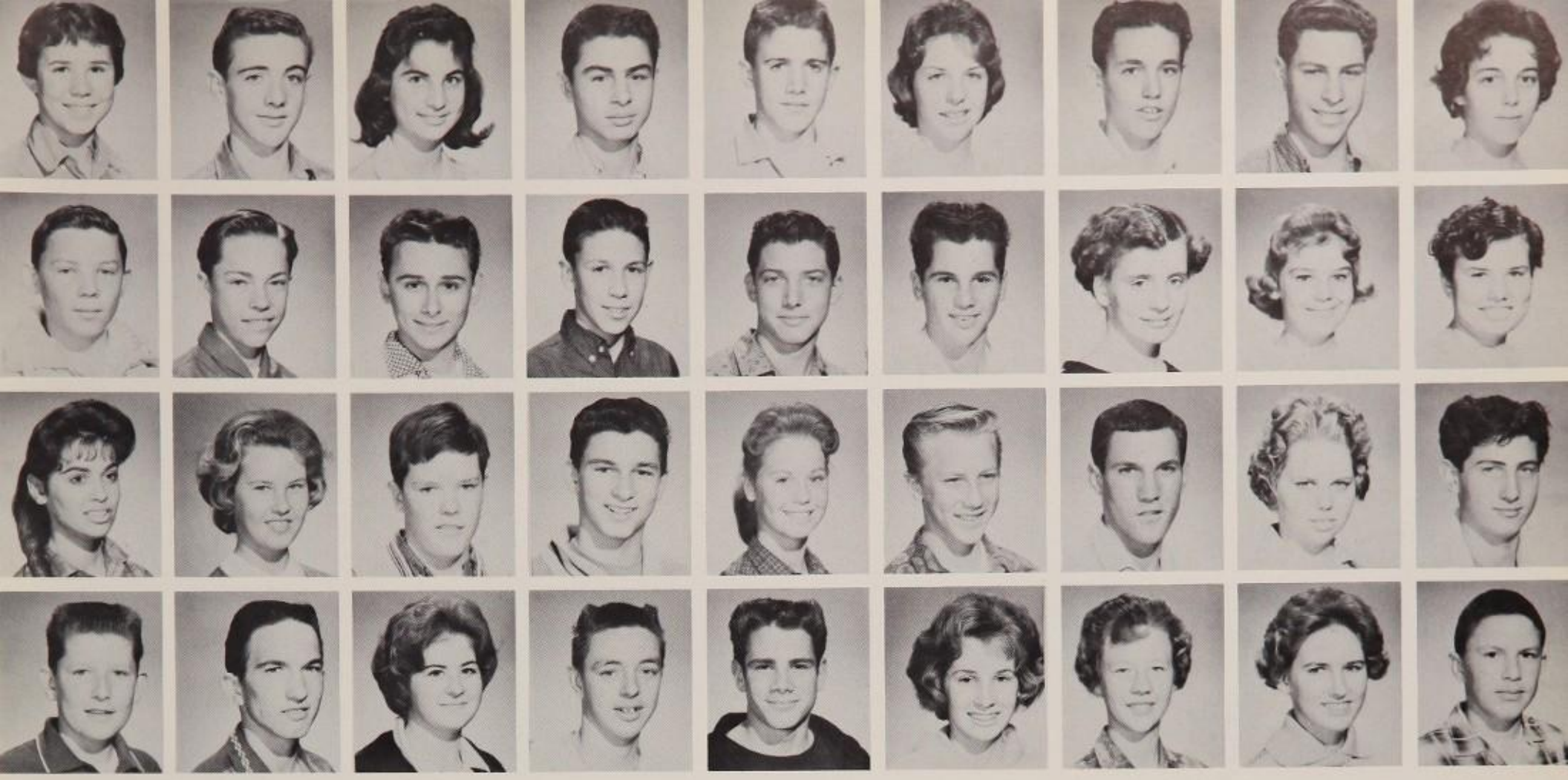

Pam Rose
John Sandberg
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Fred Shaw

Tom Rosen
Phil Sauer
Gayle Scott
Harold Shaw

Barbara Rosman
Cappy Scalzo
Tim Scott
Bridget Shelley

Larry Ruiz
Steve Schletne
Tom Seitzler
Mike Silva

Joe Rupe
Gary Schreyer
Susie Settle
Bill Skinner

Francine Saken
Gary Schulman
Dave Shafer
Adrianne Slott

Keith Salisbury
Charyl Schuster
Mike Shatsky
Mary Smead

Don Saltzman
Lynne Schweitzer
Beverly Shaw
Barbara Smith

Marcia Sanger
Sharon Schwarz
Craig Shaw
Dave Smith

ACTIVITIES WITH SPORTS AND FUN,

Richard Smith
Nancy Stayer
Terry Steyer
Rick Stuphin

Tom Smith
Maureen Stec
John Stock
Fred Swanson

Steve Soderstrom
Tom Stebbins
Phil Stoll
Kathie Swanson

Henna Solomin
Vickie Stenzel
Laurie Stratford
Matt Sweet

Sheila Soltes
Karen Stephens
Lynn Stratford
Charles Swift

John Sorenson
Louis Stern
Mickey Strauss
Mary Ann Swinkles

Carla Space
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Ken Summers
Laura Taylor

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Sal Sunseri
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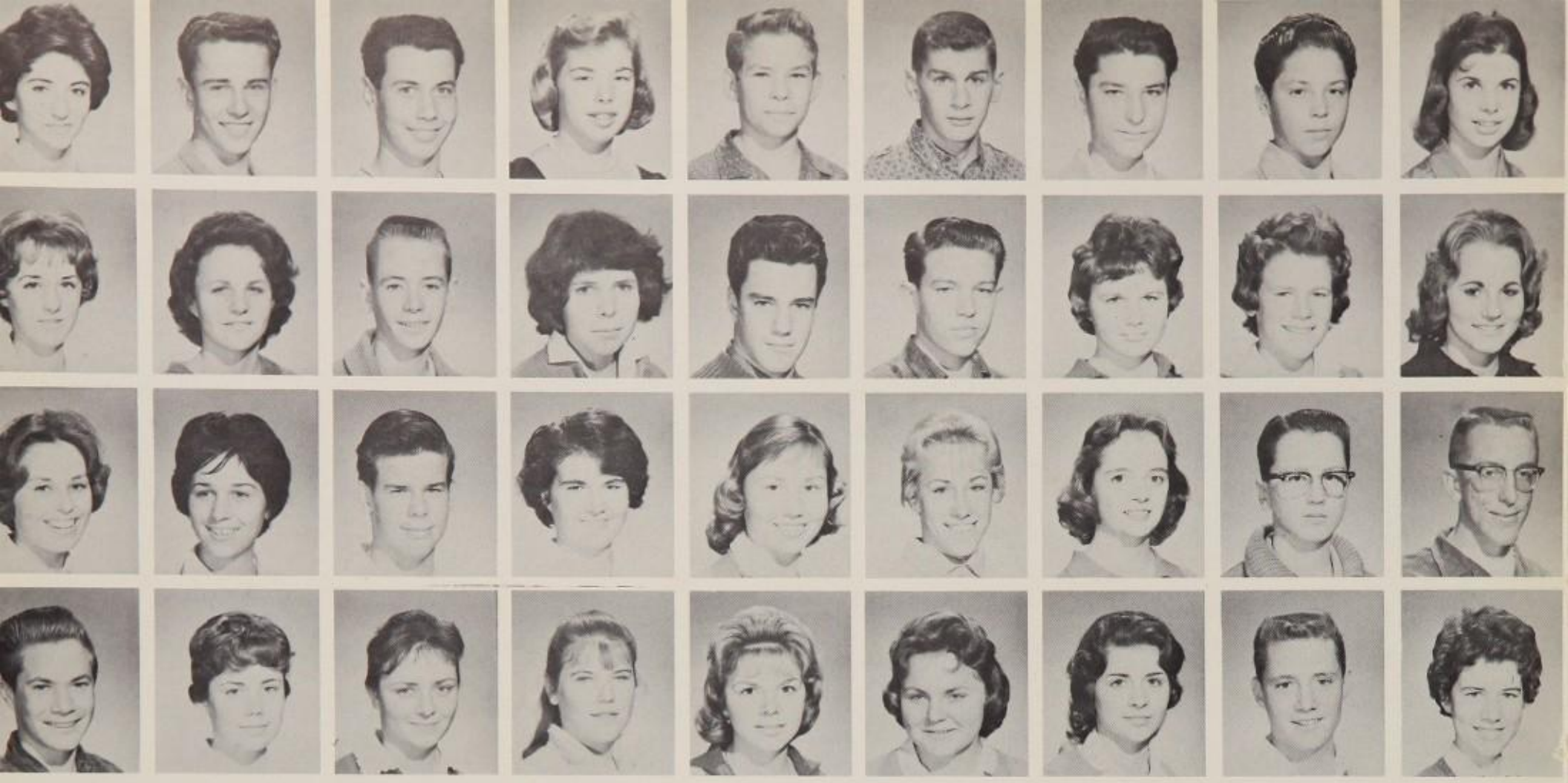

Betty Thomas
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Charles Warren

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Chris Vick
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Ron Thomassin
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Jim Vincent
Bonnie Weber

Pat Thompson
Juanita Valdez
Judy Virden
Marsha Weaver

Ron Thorsch
John VanderHorck
Kathy Vrodenburg
Sue Westfall

John Tremblatt
Cal Vanderwal
Lindy Ward
Linda Wells

Ronnie Tunick
Marge Van Dongen
Connie Warman
Cynthia Werner

Gary Turchan
Karen Van Gieson
Tom Walker
Les Wenz

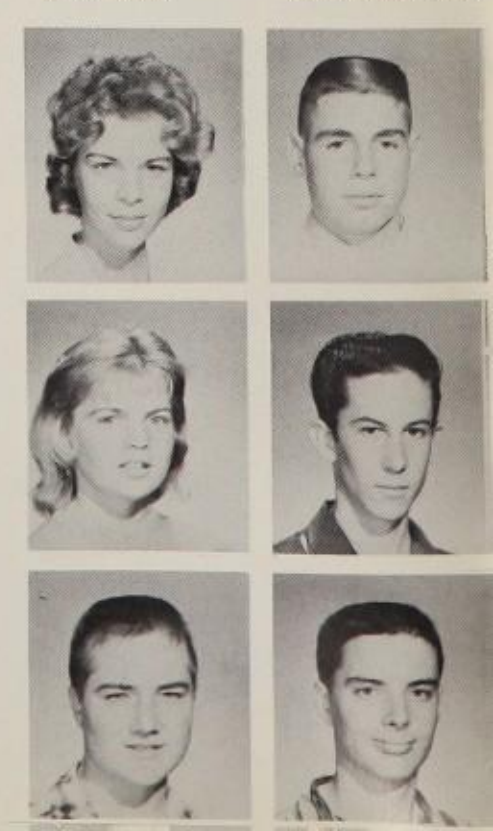
Diane Twitchell
Carroll Van Hoose
Gary Walters
Elizabeth Wickes

AND

Victory is the cry for the Toreadors, come what may we're full of spirit and fun and always ready to back up our athletic teams.

Janice Weidman
Charleen Williamson
Bill Woolley

George Wheeler
Howard Williamson
Robert Woolliscroft



Toreadors join in Christmas cheer for their traditional Christmas Formal, Crystal Carousel which was enjoyed by all.

DANCES HELD FOR EVERYONE,

Chuck Whelan
Judy Williams
Ann Worcester

Cheryl White
Roger Williams
Geraldine Wynot

Darrell White
Edna Willis
Mike Yankee

Pam White
Carol Wolcott
Irene Yarber

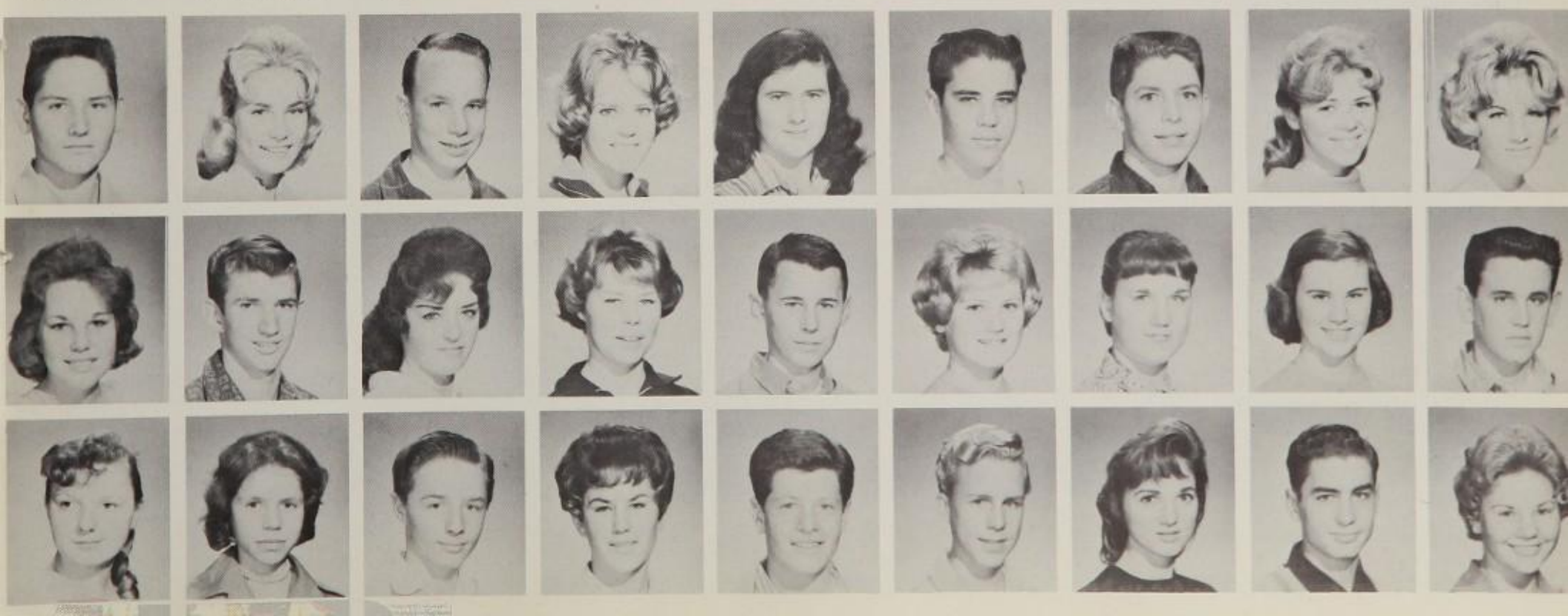
Diane Whitmore
Jeff Wolf
Harvey Young

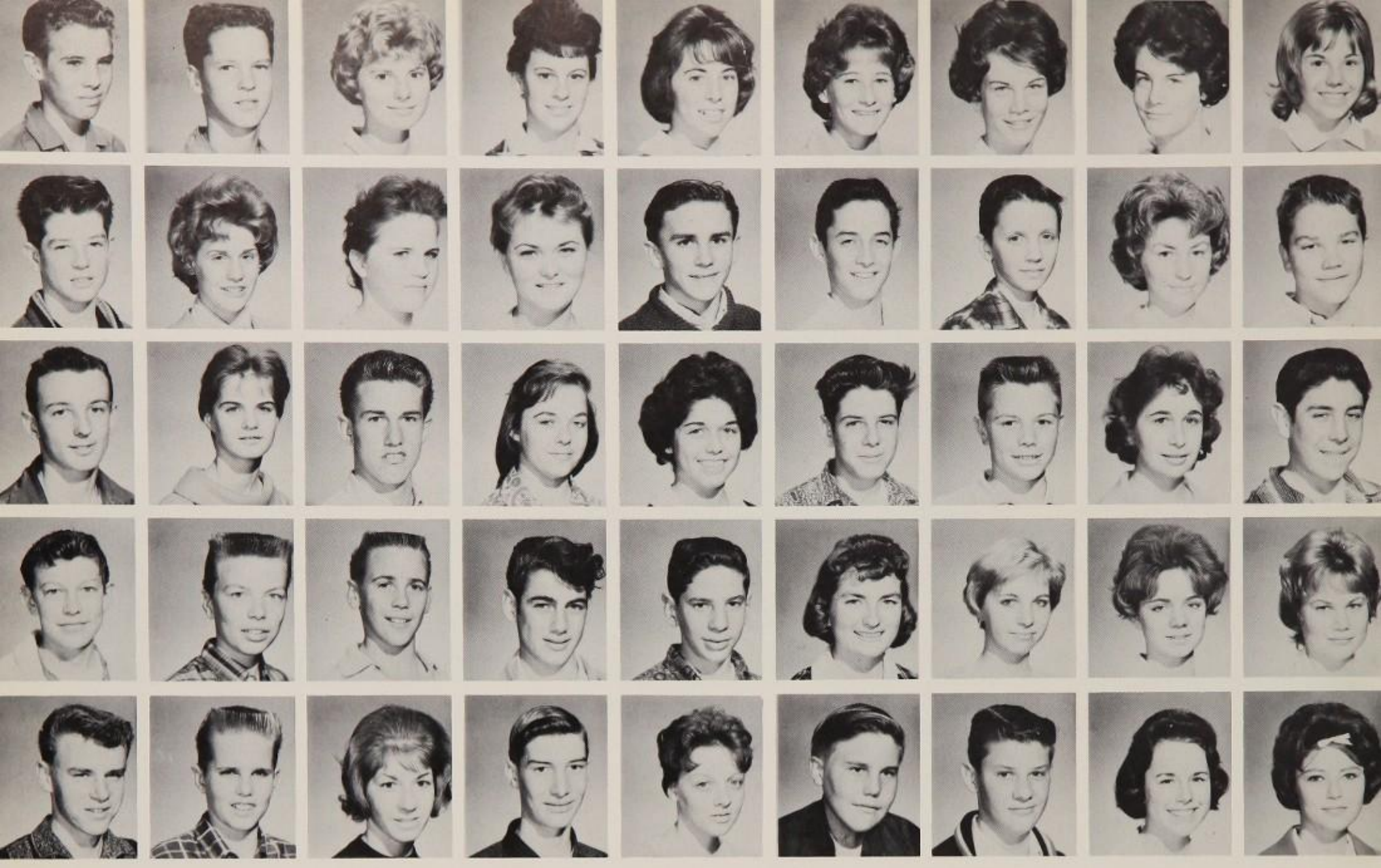
Gary Whitfield
Debbie Wood
Ben Youngner

Barry Wilder
Sharon Woodburn
Georgianna Zeigler

Darleen Wilkerson
Rosemary Woodlock
Al Zdenek

Pat Wilkinson
Mike Woodward
Elizabeth Zumwal





Gary Alexanian
David Carr
Tony DiRuscio
Glenn Grimm
Merl Holm

Carl Allen
Kathy Carr
Diane Dowdall
Jack Grundeen
Steven Hudson

Pamela Andrus
Stephanie Christie
Gary Eardman
Elliot Handy
Vicki Jackson

Jill Batty
Toni Cicci
Lina Eckles
Don Hather
Paul Johnson

Kathie Blake
Russ Crawford
Renee Elliott
Don Hausman
Nancy Kepner

Carol Bond
Cole Dalton
Jeff Ellis
Laurie Hedges
Richard Kipp

Dede Boyack
Roger DeHart
Mark Firestone
Julie Heitz
Jack Kirkman

Sandy Boyack
Cheri DeMott
Jann Garlow
Kristi Herman
Andrea Klain

Toni Burroughs
Tom Denson
Joe Gentile
Lynn Hindson
Diane Kreske

APPEARED AT TAFT AND MADE

Toreadors begin to exhibit their school spirit as hundreds rush to join Taft's first Pep Club in early February 1961.

Cheryl Kuebler
Marolyn Mann
Steve Osbun
Cathy Rousso

Karin Larson
Bart Miller
Louie Parra
Dennis Sherwin

Judy Busch
Lynn DeShazo
Jim Griffith
Russell Hodder
Doug Krohn

Going, going, gone! and the next annual is sold by vendedores of the sales classes during the March Atinian drive.

THE TEENS A HAPPY CROWD

Mario Lasala
Mike Mills
Marty Peck
John Shura

Doug Lasken
Sue Morgan
Bob Perdue
Jeanine Shuttleworth

Karen Lazenby
Steve Newman
Carl Pfeiffer
Herbert Smith

Eric Leach
Mike Niles
Jean Pickett
Ken Spector

Cindy Loman
Trudy Nuger
Walter Pleski
Stephen Speer

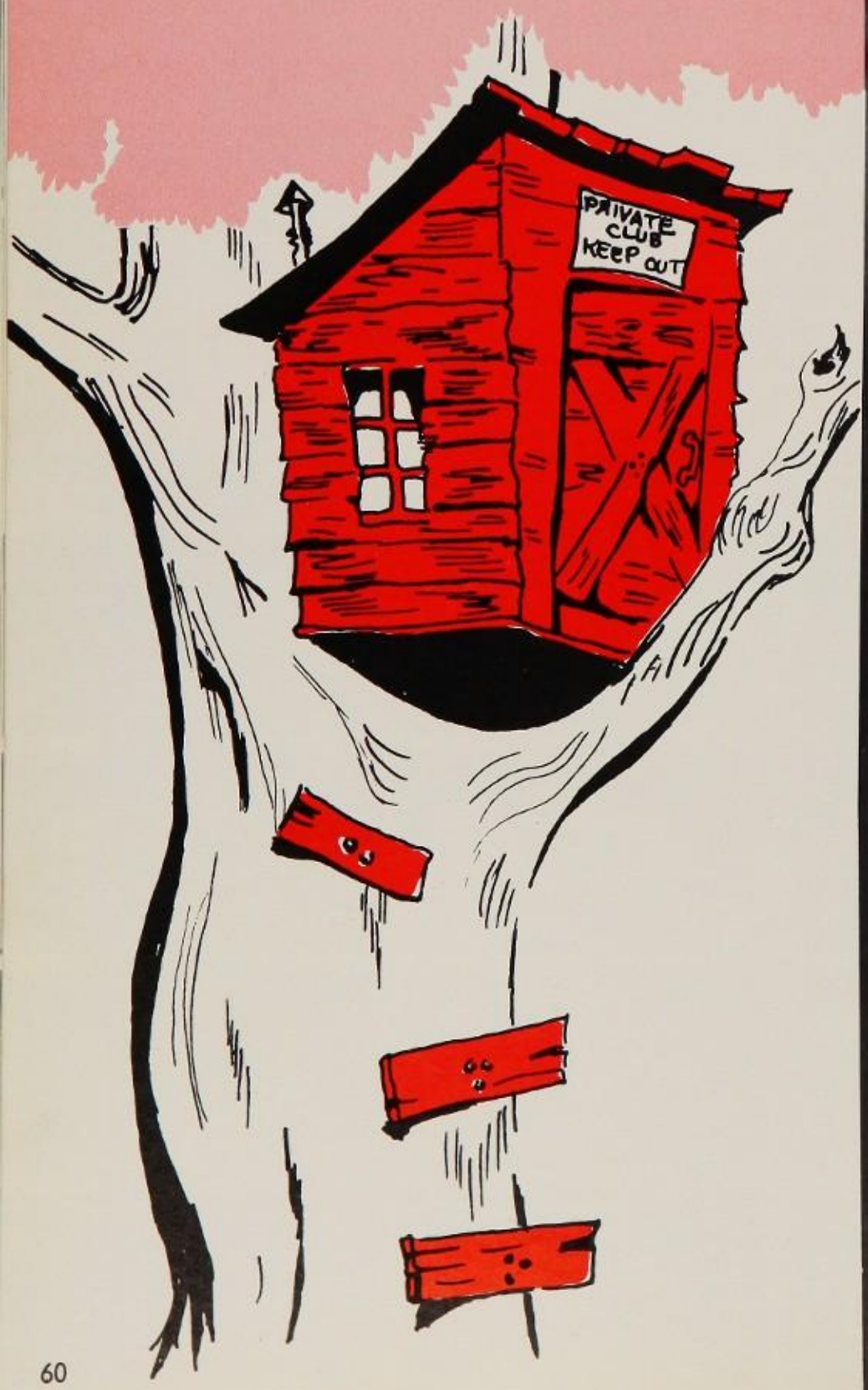
Kris McGalliard
Linda Ofria
Margaret Popa
Robert Stephens

Arnie Maine
Wendy Oman
Jerry Ross
Mike Strano

Tom Sturgis
Sherry Thorne
Diane Vassar
Stan Williams

Bob Thall
Candy Vaillanco
Nola Wade
Tim Wright

CLUBS



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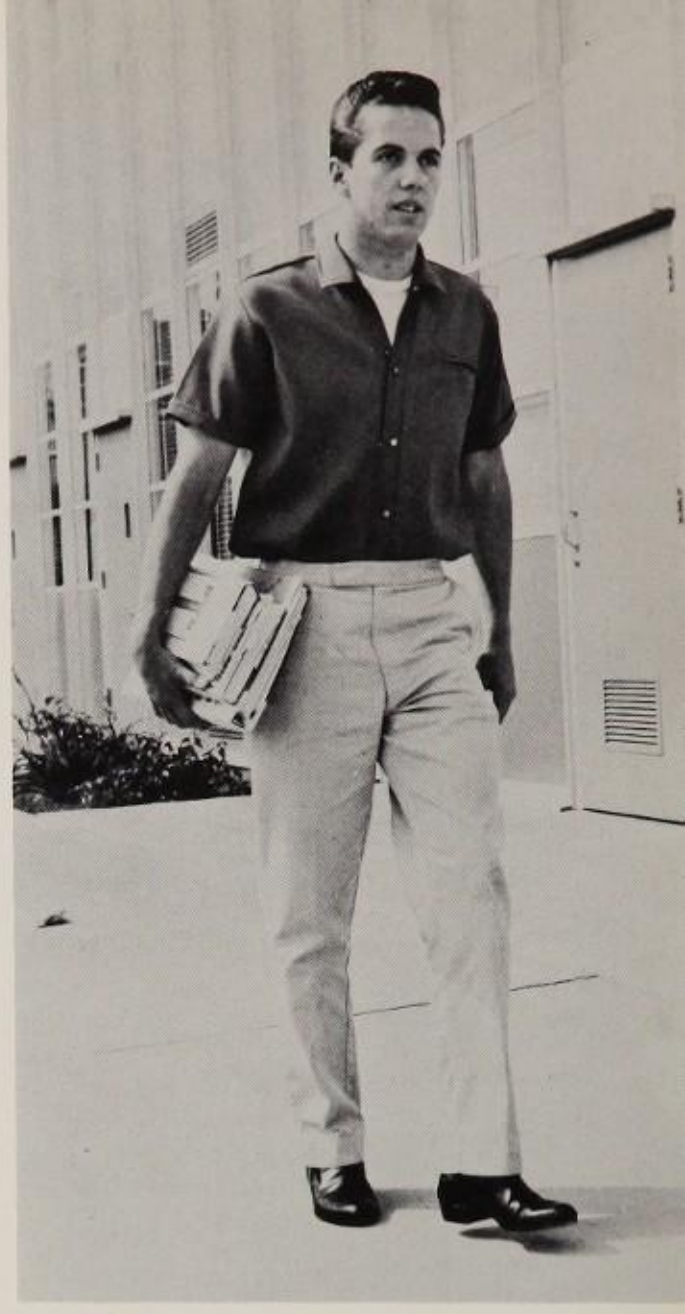


RAY FELIX
Student Body President

Every day second period the seventeen representative leaders of the student body met in C1 to plan student body policies and functions and to discuss solutions for pressing problems. Led by student body president, Ray Felix, the group worked diligently under the guidance of Mr. Cates to accomplish the lasting effects that this first student council had upon the new company of Taft. The most important result of the first Council session was the development of a framework on which the school has taken a firm footing.

TOREADORS TOPS

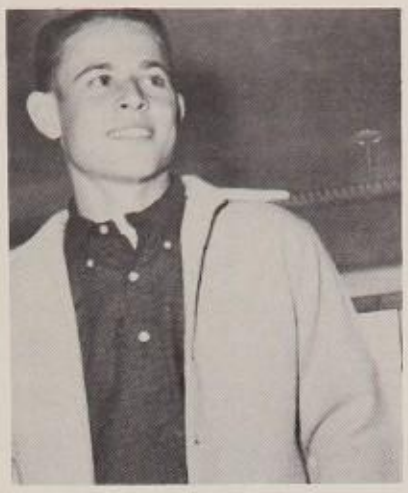
TIG DAVIS
Boys' League President

LINDA LARSON
Girls' League President

PAT HALLINAN
Student Body Vice-President

DENNIS BROOKS
Publicity Chairman

MARLENE BRENTON
Assemblies Chairman



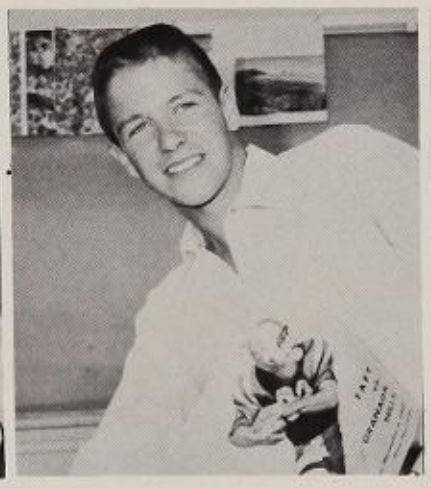
MIKE CLINITE
Senior "B" President

JILL JACKSON
Corresponding Secretary

SHERRY WILLIS
Song Queen

JIM FULLER
Yell King

CAROLYN COX
Recording Secretary

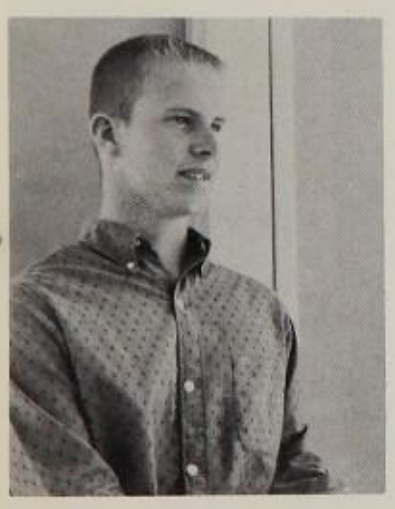


DICK RUSSO
Athletic Director

SANDIE CHRISTENSEN
Health and Welfare Chairman

JUDY SOLTES
Clubs and Organizations Chairman

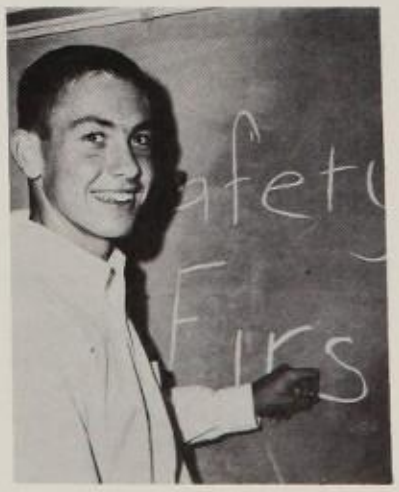
OFFERED TIME AND SKILL



RICK BRADSTREET
Campus Chairman

CARYELEE DURNELL
Treasurer

CATHY OPP
Social Director



BARRY STEINBERG
Safety Chairman

DEBBIE DUTTON
Service Chairman

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WINTER—ROW 1: Petruzzi, Durnell, Warmen, Marten, Harshman, Hallinan, Potter, Powers, Dyatt, Bosler, Mauro. ROW 2: Van Winkle, Crosgroue, Caluso, Blaylock, Leach, Steyer, Orrell, Doon, Hartsinuk, Babick, Greene, Bader. ROW 3: Kues, Speth, Larson, Murphy, Gallegly, Rosen, Thomas, Tierman, Bardack, Hamilton. ROW 4: Brewer, Akins, Davis, Van Orden, Allen, Bennett, Hessler, Dee, Gentle, Bisceglia, Shrader.

WORKING WITH REPS TO IMPROVE "BIG BILL"

BOARD OF HEALTH—ROW 1: Smith, Piggott, Alter, Burke, Elliott. ROW 2: Boone, Christensen, Newcomer, Marriner, Mrs. Smith, Falvo.

TREASURER'S COMMITTEE—ROW 1: Wickes, Gallegly, Durnell, Sherbonny, Felix. ROW 2: Dempster, Fried, Jackson, Mrs. Piper, Mr. Cates, Greene.

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL—ROW 1: Marotta, FTA; Baker, GLS; Larson, Girls' League; Speth, GAA; Carter, Chess; Soltes, Chairman; Quenzer, German; Tribotte, Medics; French. ROW 2: Fox, International; Hessler, CSF; King, FFA; Brooks, Speech-Drama; Worchester, international; Drake, FBLA; Mr. Cates; Ozolins, Spanish.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House of Representatives, the "representative-organization" of the Taft government, met bi-weekly during the past year. Student Body Vice President and Speaker of the House, Pat Hallinan, presided over the meetings of the 70 second-period representatives. This group brought suggestions and complaints from their classes which were discussed and debated with the Student Council. Reports of the meetings and activities of the previous two-week period were brought back and reported to the classes during special periods. In this manner the student body was informed of the actions of the Council and Administration, and of the organization of a new school.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE—ROW 1: Steyer, Brewer. ROW 2: Speth, Thille, Boon-Hartsinck, Tolle, Babick, Martin, Steele, Canavan, Blaylock, Phillips, Fuller, Holmes, Gallegly, Streb, Mr. Spencer. ROW 3: Lee, Pecel, Russo, Cromwell, Masin, Davis, Hallinan, Reese.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SUMMER—ROW 1: Dunlap, Elliott, Felix, Hallinan, Busch, BoonHartsinck, Loman, Wickes. ROW 2: Martin, Cannavan, Cromwell, Stelle, Belt, Brighten, Leach, Oman, Wickerson. ROW 3: Champion, Dempster, Bardack, Bergman, Gallegly, Orrell, Cooper, Mueller, Duke. ROW 4: Gordon, Brewer, Sherbondy, Philips, Pecel.

BOYS' LEAGUE—The muscular majority of the student body, led by President Tig Davis, was united this past year through the efforts of Boys' League Cabinet. Mr. Raymond Hitchcock, sponsor, and the organization of fifteen, did an excellent first-year job of organizing the male Taftites into an industrious clan. Sponsoring such activities as Boys' Week and Safety Week, the Boys' League was able to hold its own against the "weaker" Toreadors.

BOYS' LEAGUE CABINET—ROW 1: Mr. Hitchcock, Mike Mayer, Court Allen, Tig Davis, Barry Green. ROW 2: Harris Rosenthal, Richard Haas, Neil Bardack, Doug Robinson, Roger Howe. ROW 3: Witchell Witkosky, Larry Schwartz, Rick Pecel, Jim Fuller, Barry Steinberg.

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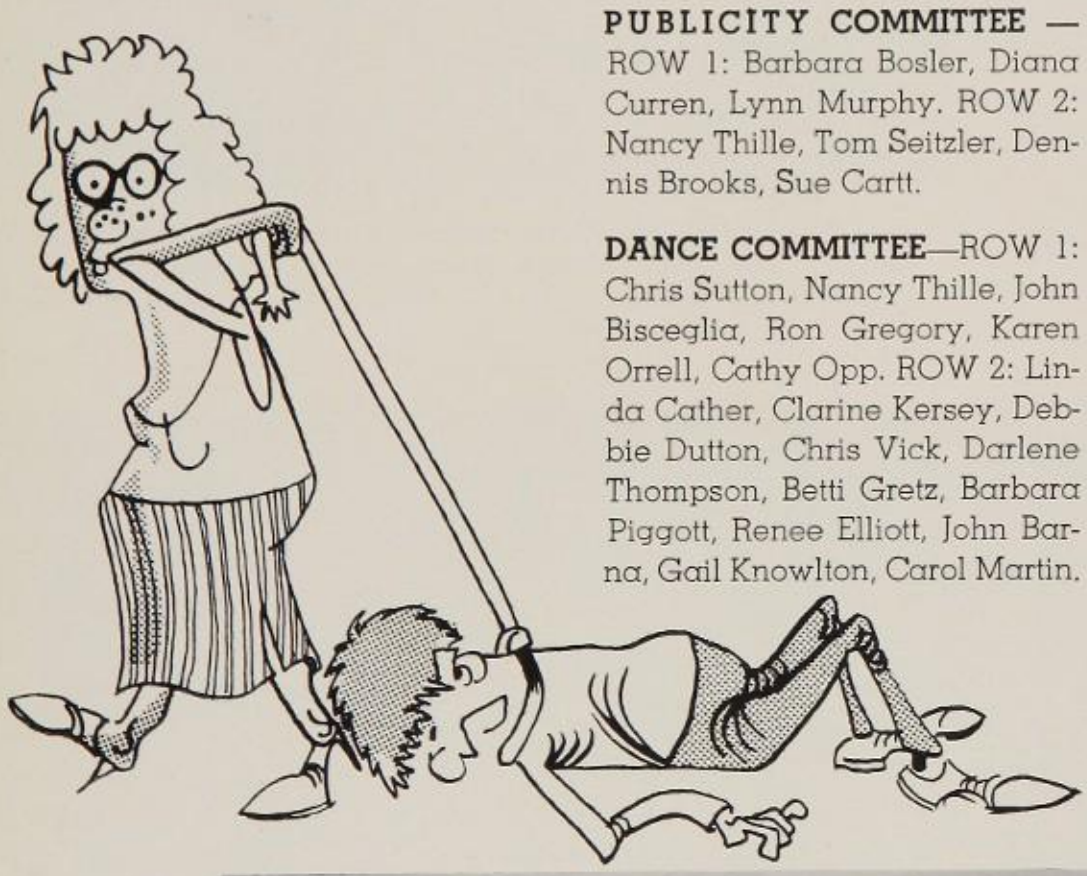


PUBLICITY COMMITTEE — ROW 1: Barbara Bosler, Diana Curren, Lynn Murphy. ROW 2: Nancy Thille, Tom Seitzler, Dennis Brooks, Sue Cartt.

DANCE COMMITTEE—ROW 1: Chris Sutton, Nancy Thille, John Bisceglia, Ron Gregory, Karen Orrell, Cathy Opp. ROW 2: Linda Cather, Clarine Kersey, Debbie Dutton, Chris Vick, Darlene Thompson, Betti Gretz, Barbara Piggott, Renee Elliott, John Barna, Gail Knowlton, Carol Martin.

SPORTS NIGHT COMMITTEE—ROW 1: Nancy Thille, Carol Marten, Joan Barna, Karen Orrell. ROW 2: Jill Jackson, Chris Sutton, Kathy Cairns, Jill Blaylock, Debbie Dunlap, Cathy Opp, John Bisceglia, John Brewer, Pete Champion, Darlene Thompson, Karlene Gallegly, Betty Gettz, Clarine Kersey, Mr. Rankin.

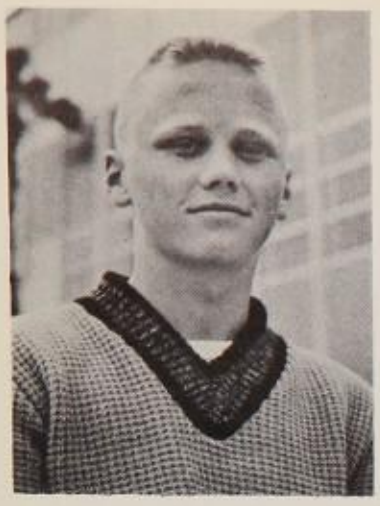
SAFETY COMMITTEE—ROW 1: Mr. Buchanan, Mike Grimshaw, Barry Steinberg, Roger Howe. ROW 2: Tom Gentle, Mr. Curtis, Dave Baily.

THE PACE FOR TRADITIONS

GIRLS' LEAGUE CABINET—ROW 1: Linda Larson, Beth Hindley. ROW 2: Mrs. Friedman, Anne Hamilton, Peg Sanders, Kathy Walters. ROW 3: Sandy Speth, Toni Gripp, Jean McLeod, Betsy Najjar, Maureen Quilligan, Janet Irwin, Sherry Willis, Janet Moore.

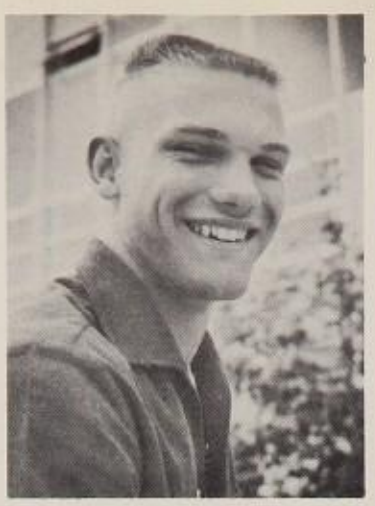
GIRLS' LEAGUE

Being responsible for approximately one-half the student body, Girls' League Cabinet spent a busy year arranging activities and encouraging high standards among the Taft girls. Sponsor, Mrs. Ruth Friedman, President Linda Larson, and the other selected and appointed officers were successful in establishing Girls' League among Las Chicas. Beginning with the installation assembly in November, and climaxing the year with May Day festivities and "Oriental Fantasy," the vice versa, the first year of Girls' League met much success and established tradition for the future feminine student body of Taft High.



DAVE ANDERSON

RICK BRADSTREET



MICKEY CATES

MIKE CLINITE

DARRYL GRAVER

KNIGHTS AND LADIES—Exemplifying the high standards of leadership, scholarship, and service which achieved membership in the organizations, the 19 Knights and Ladies acted as the official hosts and hostesses of the campus. To be numbered with this outstanding group became the goal of all Toreadors. Under the sponsorship of Mr. Arthur Curtis and Mrs. Eva Kirby, the 12th-grade honor organizations appeared as ushers and hostesses at important events, such as Open House, the Principal's dinner, and others. The semester was also sprinkled with fun and activities.

LINDA BEIDERMAN

LORRAINE DAVIS

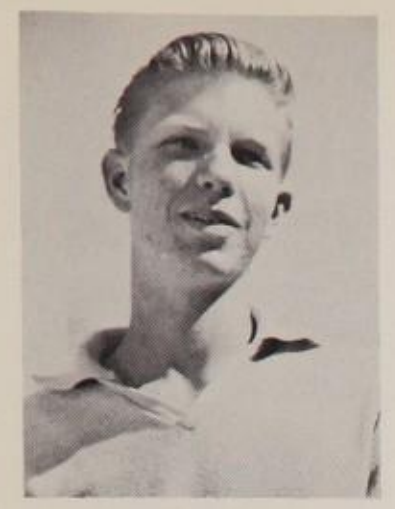
KEN LARSON
President

JOANNE WEISBERG
President

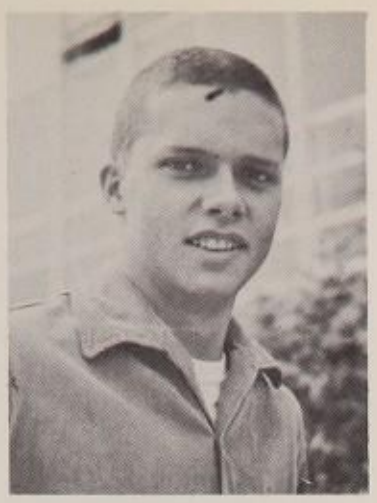
AS SELECT TAFTITIES

SQUIRES—According to general tradition in the Los Angeles area, the Squires, as the boys' 11th-grade honor association, are responsible for guiding and ushering at various school functions. Led by student Elliot Green and sponsored by Mr. Donald Thibeault, the 20-membered group has managed much in the way of school service.

SQUIRES—ROW 1: John Rice, Mike Grimshaw, Richard Goyers, Tom Gentle, Curt Hessler, Elliot Green. ROW 2: Mike Masin, Reck Pecel, Larry Ackerman, Dick Russo, Jim Crowley, Roger Howe. ROW 3: Dennis Brooks, Larry Guerwitz, Brad Auten, John Puckett, Richard Haas, Dave Rosenberg. STANDING: Mike Mayer, Barry Herzog, Mr. Thibeault.



MIKE NICHOLSON



STEVE NOLLS

STEVE ROUSSO

BARRY STEINBERG

STEVE WEISS

NANCY GIESE

STEPHANIE HAROLDE

ROSI QUENZER

JUDY SOLTES

MITCHELL WITKOSKY

PROMOTED RENDITIONS

LAS DUENAS—Meaning: Ladies in waiting. The 11th-grade girls' honor organization is a step under the Senior group, Ladies. Actually the girls did more than wait around to become Ladies. Sponsored by Miss Betty Bivins and led by President Linda Bowerman, the outstanding group of 26 placed special emphasis on well-roundedness, especially in the fields of service and study.

LAS DUENAS — ROW 1: Jill Jackson, Sandie Christensen, Carol Baker, Chris Watson, Sandy Tribotte, Miss Bivens. ROW 2: Sharyn Leach, Bebi Bland, Kay Albricht, Heather Reid, Andrea Potter, Maureen Quilligan. ROW 3: Joanne Sworzyn, Micki Humes, Diana Bowerman, Linda Barclay, Barbara Green, Christine Roth, Helen Furmanski, Pamela Martin, Elizabeth Lindsey, Kay Kidder, Susan Painter.

The thinker, Curt Hessler and the worker, Linda Harris contemplate important studies as Mr. Clemens pushes them on to scholarship. These three headed the past year's Thracians.

THRACIANS—A surprisingly high number of honor students at Taft composed the membership of Thracians, the local chapter of the California Scholarship Federation. Complying with the minimum requirement of three "A's" and a "B" in solid subjects, the 120 members enjoyed many intellectual discussions, guest speakers, and social activities this past year. Sponsor, Mr. Winston Clemens, and President Curt Hessler, were able to arrange four special club assemblies during class periods in the summer semester. Lacking a graduation class the first year, Thracians is looking forward to the next year when graduates will be especially honored for their scholastic achievements as Sealbearers, Torchbearers, and other scholarship honors.

ENDOWMENTS OF BRAIN WITH

THRACIANS—ROW 1: Braunstein, Quenzer, Campbell, Lica Hessler, Harris, Miller, Campbell, Furmanski, Owens. ROW 2: Dickinson, Hudson, Witkosky, Martin, Gallegly, Stec, Malek, Painter, Bernstein, Kidd, Giese. ROW 3: Gering, Quilici, Owens, Stinson, Beyer, Ackerman, Davis, Christopher, Lindsey, Green, Gordon. ROW 4: Gentle, Cochran, Govers, Rice, Richardson Beytel, Howe, Dempster, Mr. Clemens.

CHEM TEAM—Four outstanding Toreadors are anxiously waiting for the results of the American Chemical Society test that they took at Reseda High School. The future chemists are Danny Engle, Mike Shmutzler, Roger Howe, and Tom Percer.

SUE PAINTER — GIRLS' STATE REPRESENTATIVE—An active Toreador on campus is Sue Painter. Besides being active in the Drill Team and other such activities she has been selected to be our first Girls' State Representative, in Sacramento this summer.

LETTERMEN'S CLUB — The boys around campus with sweaters and jackets with a big red "T" are members of the Lettermen's Club. Led by Mike Masin, President and Mr. Lambert and Mr. Furlong, this club is planning the Awards Assembly and the traditional Lettermen's vs. Lettergirls' Volleyball game.

MATH TEAM—The five members shown here, Ronnie Mootnik, Elizabeth Lindsey, Roger Howe, Tig Davis, and Mike Sayer, represented Taft at the Occidental Math Field Day. As our first team they honored us by placing 5th in the City.

LETTERMEN'S CLUB—ROW 1: Treggett, Andersen, Larson, Bader, Putman, Masin. ROW 2: Moeller, Herthel, Hohl, Carpenter, Brewer, Cates, Felix, Mr. Furlong. ROW 3: Mr. Lambert, Shrader, Rousso, Beutel, Prues, Blakeley, Galbreath, Philips.

ADVANTAGE OF BRAWN

THRACIANS—ROW 1: David, Woodlock, Wickes, Falvo, Klapman, Potter, Kammeraad, Chelnek, Quilligan. ROW 2: King, Robinson, Langdon, Gripp, Wallstrom, Larson, Bland, Aguayo, Wickes, Cox, Barrett. ROW 3: Thompson, Reid, Yocom, Schetne, Marten, Harolde, Richter, Baker, Mayer, Alexander, Jackson. ROW 4: Spangler, Caballero, Piggott, Puckett, Adkins, Sutton, Roth, Kringlen, Humes, Bowerman, Murphy, Bielski.

FIGURING FUN WITH A FOREIGN

SPANISH CLUB—Habla Ud. Espanol? was one question never asked of El Centro de Cultura Espanica, since all meetings were conducted in the native tongue. The main activities of the 30 members, led by Venita Ozolend, Mr. Guadalupe Padilla, and Miss Judith Link, included exploring and developing the cultural aspects of the Spanish-speaking areas of the world. Music, art, food, dancing and fun were stressed as Spanish flavored enthusiasm filled Taft students with a love of the Latin American way of life.

SPANISH CLUB—ROW 1: Guerwitz, Beardsley, Warman, Ozolins, Kammeraad, Scott. ROW 2: Furmanski, Aguayo, Stayor, Musser, Larson, Rosenthal. ROW 3: Sands, Miller, Stephens, Schwartz, Graham, Brenton, Campbell, Lica, Mr. Padilla.

MATH CLUB—The Taft Einsteinians had a successful, as well as enjoyable and interesting, year. Many activities, such as games, displays, and socials were instituted in order to stimulate a further interest among the Toreadors. Under the direction of sponsor Mr. T. W. Buquoi and President Ken Martin, mathematicians discovered a different aspect to the science of numbers than the routine classroom features.

MATH CLUB—ROW 1: Braunstein, Ickes, Carter, Martin, Mootnick, Langdon, Butlin, Mr. Buquoi. ROW 2: Shetney, Sooley, Owens, Giacinto, O'Neil, McCaskill, Brenton, Le-Ventine, Baugh, Wickes.

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS—"French is a living language." Proof of this statement was supplied when the 30 members of Le Cercle Francais met with their club sponsor, Mr. Richard Goldsmith. In the halls during noon activity echoed from room D119 as busy "les eleves" tried their hands at reading, acting, and writing—in French.

FRENCH CLUB—ROW 1: Murphy, Gerber, Baker, Tribote, Humes, Aguayo, Lindsey. ROW 2: Murtha, King, Depper, Helms, Bowerman, Sotolov, Shennum, Chelnek. ROW 3: Puckett, Good, Maticia, Campbell, Barclay, Stec, Furmanski, Heller, Malek, McKenney, Harris, Thompson, Van Gieson, Goldsmith, Spector.

GERMAN CLUB—ROW 1: Mr. Bradley, Rosi Quenzer, Yvonne DuVernet, Kent Grainger. ROW 2: Diane Clifford, Bill Wooley, Sherry Schwarz. ROW 3: Bob O'Neil, Steve Brauttig, Dave Owens, Ann Worcester, Dianna Brackett, Judy Fisher.

GERMAN CLUB—Eins, zwei, drei, four, five, six, and Mr. Henry Bradley counted 15 members of German Club. Led by President Rosie Quenzer, these German enthusiasts filled lunch periods with interesting cultural aspects of the "Doitch" way of life. Since there are several Germany-born students on campus, these club meetings were flavored with a homey touch of the old country.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB—ROW 1: Carol Christopher, Carol Haines, Marilyn Alexander, Linda Harris, Linda Ezzell, Pat Shennum. ROW 2: Rachel Aguayo, Fraeda Depper, Sherry Schwarz, Gary DeJean, Steven Fox, Ann Worcester, Rolland Graham, Mr. Shannon.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB — The International Club led by Linda Harris and Mr. Wayne Shanon, entertained one of the most interesting programs at Taft. Meeting each month in D220, the group sponsored slides, speeches by foreign students, and other interesting activities. Creating interest in other nations and fostering work with a use of diplomacy is a goal of this club. The group played an important part to keep Taft students and teachers working for democracy.

LATIN CLUB—ROW 1: Mr. Lawlor, Rosemary Woodlock, Karl Johnson, Jim Kaylor. ROW 2: Dave Rosen, Steve Weiss, Alan Floreen, Dennis Brooks.

LATIN CLUB—The meanings of "E pluribus unum" and other well-known phrases in the English language are at last being discovered at Taft by the Latin Club. Being a local chapter of the Junior Classical League, a national Latin organization, the sessions delved deeply into the customs and language of an extensive and powerful civilization. Under the leadership of Consul Darryl Graver and Sponsor Mr. Francis Lawlor, the 20 members enjoyed many intellectual and rewarding discussions on Latin life during the rise of Rome.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE CLUB—Lookout! Protozoa invading Taft! This was the latest bulletin from the Biological Science Club. Led by Barry Herzog, the young cosmogonists this semester took rigid stands by their microscopes and cooly invaded the private lives of the citizens-microscopic. Guided by Mr. Bullock and Mr. Ross, this active clan of thirty displayed a growing interest in science through field trips and films.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE—ROW 1: Grainger, Hildelrandt, Graham, Aguayo. ROW 2: Van Gieson, Dixon, Harzog, Bland, Wickes, Campbell, Owens. ROW 3: Blumenfeld, Stephens, Smith, Haines, Brooker, Woolley, O'Neil.

PLANT WORLD AND KINGS MET

SKI CLUB—For centuries snow has been a hindrance to inhabitants of mountainous countries. Skiing was first developed as an early means of transportation through this natural phenomenon. Today skiing has become a very popular winter sport. The berggeisters of Taft, led by Micci Humes, were most active during the winter season. Due to the premium of snow at the time, this club was unable to actively participate in the amusement.

SKI CLUB—ROW 1: Malon, Yocom, Wickes, Swinkles, Richter, Smith, McCormack, Gerber, BoonHartsinck, Beer. ROW 2: Gering, Phillip, Froon, Stansbury. Martin, Treggett, Maticia, Steele, Robinson, Murphy, Roth, Greene, Jackson, Mr. James, Humes, Mr. Buchanan.

FLYING TOROS—ROW 1: Mr. Hird, Darrell White, Jack Batlin, Peter Champion, Riley Richardson.

AVIATION CLUB—Safety is the key to the Aviation Club. Led by Mr. Kenneth Hird, industrial arts teacher, this group heralded in the new semester by organizing this interest club. Being a very practical club, the Flying Toros wasted no time in getting down to business. Most of the members have flying licenses and entertaining aeronautical-type hobbies.

RED CROSS—ROW 1: Mrs. Smith, Burke, Fulkerson, Woodburn, Morris. ROW 2: Mrs. Combs, Falvo. ROW 3: Alter, Marriner, Elliott, Boone, Newcomer, Christensen, Smith, Piggott.

RED CROSS CLUB—Among the more serious campus clubs, the Red Cross Club is composed of ten Toreadors who are interested in helping others. Led by school nurse, Mrs. Marie Smith, the group met every other week to discuss and work out service projects for the purpose of benefiting their fellow men.

WHEN FLYING ON SKIS

CHESS CLUB—ROW 1: Barclay, Woolley, O'Neil, Grainger, Christopher, Pruss, Van Gieson, Beutel, Richardson. ROW 2: McCaskill, Carter, Woodlock, Kues, Miller, Mowinckel, Clifford, Romais, Bell, Fisher, Brackett, Wickes, Bertram.

CHESS CLUB — The game of kings is now the game of Toreadors, since Chess Club was organized at Taft. The 30 players, led by Mary Carter and under the direction of Mr. David Kenyon, wielded their colorful boards and valued men to fight exciting duels during the lunch periods. Competing interscholastically as well as intermurally, the Taft chess players spent an enjoyable and exciting year.

FTA—Definition: An apple is the surest way to get an "A." The members of the Future Teachers of America don't need urging to get into business. Having met two days out of every month, the Pedagogues found many more important activities than eating apples. Led by Miss Helen Brockmeier, the small group of eleven sponsored films and speakers of professional interest.

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA — ROW 1: Stephanie Harold, Frances Lefforge, Carole Marotta. ROW 2: Alice Campbell, Miss Brockmeier.

FBLA — The rapid tapping of typewriters and machines ceased temporarily for the noon meetings of the Future Business Leaders of America during the spring semester. Organized for the specific purpose of informing the many students from the business department of the careers available in their field, the FBLA concerned itself with field trips, projects, and speakers, as well as parties and other activities. Sponsor Anthony Quarberg and President Dave Drake were successful in establishing FBLA as one of the largest and most prominent clubs on campus.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA — ROW 1: Raspono, Biederman, Drake, Wallstrom. ROW 2: Millstein, Hart, Zumwalt, Thomas, Lundgren, Burns, Valdez, Thompson. ROW 3: Mr. Quarberg, Danov, Field, Lanham, Olson, Haxton, Marcelle, Garban, Olin, Courter. ROW 4: Whitmore, Roberts, Jenks, Hinkle, Schoster, Ely, Fillmore, Danov.

FFA—Under the guidance of Mr. Sidney Hill, the Future Farmers of America organization strives to provide practical training in farming. In the past, this group has participated in soil conservation, animal husbandry, and state farm judging. Work at Pierce College highlighted this season and was followed through under the leadership of their president, Bill Hamner.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA — ROW 1: Hamner, Barnes, Lind, McKinsey. ROW 2: Cheney, Ripple, Dallugge, Pandolph, Strauss, Lovequist. ROW 3: Mr. Hill, Shafer, Treggett, Ripple, Miller, Penn, Whelan, King, Strauss. ROW 4: Swepston, Peddicord, Hurwtiz, Boggess, Walker.

SPEECH/DRAMA CLUB—ROW 1: Maticia, Masters, Mauro, Elliott, Tolle, Harrington, De Simone, Brooks, Berman, Blumenfeld, Mallery. ROW 2: Taylor, Mr. Towne, Axworthy, Record, Chelnek, Countis, Larson, Strauss, Lee, Weiss, Peterson, White, Soltes. ROW 3: deCorsia, Hartsinck, Voyen, Sutton, Barnes, Piner, Brenton, King, Bandy, Edwards. ROW 4: Hanson, Johnson, Huyck, Kaylor, Haas, Howe, Puckett.

FUTURE PROFESSIONS ALL PRACTICED TO PLEASE

SPEECH/DRAMA CLUB—The Taft forensic organization, led by Dennis Brooks, was composed of 40 talented speakers. Partaking in speech tournaments held on various weekends at different colleges and high schools this past year, the club represented Taft well with numerous excellence and superior ratings, and a gold medal. Climaxing the season, four Taft students were selected to speak at the Southern California finals held the weekend of April 21 at the University of Redlands.

MEDICS CLUB—In order to give a background in the many aspects of a scientific career, Mrs. Sines, our traveling nurse, made inquiries about founding a medics club. Aimed to acquaint teenagers with futures in medicine, this group, led by their president Sandy Tribotte sponsored important guest speakers and informative films concerning many aspects of the medical profession.

MEDICS CLUB—ROW 1: Sandy Tribotte, Rachel Aguayo. ROW 2: Fraeda Depper, Ruth Aguayo, Wendy Davidson, Sandy Murtha, Barry Herzog, Edie Good, Mike Grimshaw, Rolland Graham, Pat Thompson, Diane Twitchell.

Elliot Green—Getting the school paper on a sound basis, was Elliot Green's job as the Tribune's first Editor-in-Chief. His Thanksgiving editorial won him a journalism award. His activities have not been confined to the paper, for he has been the president of Squires this past semester.

Joanne Weisberg—During Taft's second semester the school paper, The Tribune was headed by Joanne Weisberg. This past semester she had the task of Editor-in-Chief. Between writing editorials and making sure all the assignments are in, she was President of Ladies, member of Quill and Scroll, and in House of Representatives.

GATHERING NEWS THEY KEPT

TRIBUNE STAFF—ROW 1: Kathy Mallery, Linda Harris, Chris Roth, Jane Larson. ROW 2: Mr. Lawlor, Steve Weiss, Joanne Weisberg, Judy Blumenfield, Heather Reid. ROW 3: Steve Brock, Chuck Sparks, Rick Miller, Richard Smith, Dave Alkire, Elliot Green.

The most efficient method of contact a school has with the outside world is through its publications. QUILL AND SCROLL was long ago established for the purpose of honoring the publication staffs of the nations' high schools. Our local chapter, sponsored by Mr. Francis Lawlor, consisted of the members of the fall-semester journalism staff and was presided over by Joanne Weisberg, present Editor-in-Chief of the Tribune.

QUILL AND SCROLL—ROW 1: Mr. Lawlor, Dave Alkire, Linda Harris, Heather Reid, Joanne Weisberg, Judy Blumenfield. ROW 2: Steve Weiss, Elliot Green, Kathy Mallery, Jane Larson, Chris Roth, Steve Brock.

TAFT IN THE KNOW

Every other Tuesday as students open their lockers during lunch they are greeted with the pleasant arrival of the newest issue of the TAFT TRIBUNE. The latest school news and bits of interest are offered to the students in one compact, well-edited sheet.

Elliot Green and Joanne Weisberg are the two editors responsible for this year's editions. They worked in conjunction with the staff of thirteen members who gave their "all" to each and every feature of the paper. Under the sponsorship of Mr. Lawlor the award-winning paper has won the respect of all Taft students viewing the first year sheet.

Being right on hand on our campus, the PRINT SHOP has printed everything from our school paper, The Tribune to spirit tags like "Deflate the Bagpipes." Under the supervision and guidance of Mr. Kenneth Hird this group has become one of the most sought after group on campus for whenever printed material is needed the print shop is there to serve.

PRINT SHOP—ROW 1: Mr. Hird, Brian Horowitz, Steve Brock, Tom Walker, Bruce Bell, Dave Robinette, Stuart Schweit.

The entire staff "smiles pretty", mimicking the action they've prodded from many Toreadors in the same situation.

SUCCESS WAS THE PRIZE FOR THEIR HARD

Memories in the way of interest and fun were recorded for the past year by the school's historian class—Atinian staff. The thirteen members of annual class, under the sponsorship of Paul J. Kluth, were chosen for this special class on the basis of scholarship and talent. Led by editor-in-chief, Jean McLeod, the three editors, Denice Hodges, art; Sandie Christensen, copy; Kathy Falvo, photography, and business manager Sherry Smith set about giving instructions to the class of typists, writers, ad sellers, photographers, artists, and deadline breakers. The result was pandemonium until the four division editors managed to draw up layouts, and some organization began to appear. Division editors included capable Denice Hodges, faculty; studious Alan Gering, classes; helpful Harris Rosenthal, clubs and organizations, and sparkly Chuck Sparks, sports. On behalf of the first Atinian staff of Taft High School it is hoped that this book will never end to bring happy memories to you, the Taft Toreadors, and that you may overlook the many mistakes of an inexperienced group and instead look for the better points of an ever-representative annual.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF Jeannie McLeod ponders over the pile of former annuals dreaming of the first Atinian.

ART EDITOR Denice Hodges gets final approval of pages from Mr. Kluth before they go to the printer.

COPY WRITERS, Judy Soltes consults an old annual while Lorraine Davis and Sandi Christensen dream up ways to add interest to the many words of copy to go into the book.

DIVISION EDITORS, Chuck Sparks, Alan Gering, Harris Rosenthal, and Denice Hodges pool ideas for page layouts.

WORK AND WOE

Kathy Falvo plots the schedule as Louis Stern prepares his camera for the photography for the Atinian.

"Which is better, money or ads?" Sherry Smith wonders; but Joan Malmark, Maureen Streeter, and Linda Vick are convinced "It's the Money!"

The Atinian Staff would have had little purpose had there not been a means of placing the book into the hands of the student body. The organization most responsible for handling the sale of the annual was Sales Class. Using the techniques learned in their second period class from Mr. Arthur Quarberg, this group was successful in selling our first publication.

BAND—ROW 1: Bland, Quenzer, Popa, Van Dongen, Newman, Davis. ROW 2: Kidd, Roberts, Denson, Banes, Crowley. ROW 3: Baugh, Lasken, Leibel, Bowdin, Bauer, Ender, Tunick, Maine, Crawford, Gentile, Rincover, Mr. Turner.

THE CHORD AND THE BEAT

BAND—Performing at many school functions was the Taft Band. Collecting enforcements from surrounding Junior High Schools the band performed with the drill team and marched during half-times at football games. They also pepped up other athletic events, such as basketball and track. Under the direction of Mr. George Turner, this group of brass and wind instruments did an excellent job in providing entertainment and spirit and in making a name for the Taft music department.

VOICE ENSEMBLE—ROW 1: Mauro, Dickensen, Graboski, De Shazo, Fillmore, Mr. Turner. ROW 2: Virden, Wheeler, Kennerley, Shaw, Sutphin, Van Orman, Auten, Stewart, Aycock, Bocchio, Golding.

VOICE ENSEMBLE—One of the most popular groups found performing at functions where vocal harmonization was desired was the Vocal Ensemble, a mixed group of talented young singers. Under the experienced direction of Mr. Gerge Turner this group performed at many functions where a larger group was undesirable. Including in their accomplishments the Christmas program and the Spring Music Festival, the hard work of this small choir was well rewarded by the praises of those they entertained.

JAZZ CLUB—ROW 1: Parker, Mr. Goldsmith. ROW 2: Milana, Firebaugh, Countis, Clements, Couster. ROW 3: Piner, Barnes, Shaw, Marcelle, Kurtz. ROW 4: Millstein, Maticia, Mollner, Townsend, Cartt. ROW 5: Bell. Mowinckle, Romais, Brenton, Masterpy.

BRASS ENSEMBLE—ROW 1: Don Baugh, Jim Crowley, Barry Green, Joe Gentile, Bebi Bland, Russ Kidd.

JAZZ CLUB—"Music is our BEAT!" This was the tune of the Jazz Club this semester as they reviewed various phases of "live interpretation" in modern harmony. Originally the idea of a student Marie Townsend, under the direction of Mr. Richard Goldsmith, her suggestion mushroomed into an eager group of 35 rhythm enthusiasts.

BRASS ENSEMBLE—The blare of the horns was often heard from the music building as Brass Ensemble rehearsed for their performances. Attending all community as well as school functions where a large band would be impossible to present, the trumpet quartet, trombone, French horn, and tuba, led by Mr. George Turner, was a popular instrumental group. With special programs such as the Christmas program and the Spring Festival, the septet was well able to exhibit their special talents.

MIXED CHORUS—An outstanding vocalists' group, composed of both boys and girls, the mixed chorus met every day during second period to exercise their vocal ability. Led by music teacher, Mr. George Turner, highlights of the group-performances were the Christmas program and the Spring Music Festival.

INTERMINGLED IN SONG

MIXED CHORUS—ROW 1: Swanson, Golding, Bertrand, Holst, Pollard, Merriken. Jenks, De Shazo, Lundgren, Dowdall. ROW 2: Mauro, Barnes, Fillmore, Sands, Graboski, Dickensen, Weichlein, McGuire, Robyn, Weissman, Caruso, Cicci. ROW 3: Shaw, Laramy, Du Vernnt, Auten. Bocchio, Stewart, Saken, Wheeler, Van Orman, Common, Aycock, Kennerley. ROW 4: Montgomery, Plume, Poe, Gregory, Greene, Beaumont, Sutphin, Townsend, Virden, Marmor, Mr. Turner.

DRILL TEAM—ROW 1: Stratford, Ricci, Dunlap. Chelnek, Stratford, Thompson, Quilligan, Jackson, Gripp, Falvo, Alverez, Mallon, Urbano. ROW 2: Burns, Harris, Watson, Lilly, Space, Hamilton. Katona, Messina, Byvs, Gerber, Abner, Harris, Bradley, Harshman, Strode. ROW 3: Jameson, Maticia, Settle, Barrett, Bowerman, Hessel, Murphy, Bielsky, Houck, Traeger, Buck, Baker, Alter, Marriner, Durnell. ROW 4: Eicks, St. John, Steele, Elliott, Robinson, Larson, Bruner, Ellingston, Curren, Vick, Barclay, Lowe, Devereux, Humes. ROW 5: Irwin, Bocchio, Klay, Furmanski, Gallegly, Labadie, Froom, Mykoski, Culleton, Painter, Covey, Orrell, Van Orman, Canavan, Robinson.

AS FEMALES ONCE MORE PROVE

GIRLS' LETTER SOCIETY—A select group of athletic femmes, the 11 athletically-skilled members of the Girls' Letter Society served at various athletic events as well as school-wide functions. A very individual organization, members were chosen on the basis of scholarship as well as extra-curricular participation in physical education.

GIRLS' LETTER SOCIETY — FRONT: Pat Thompson. Nancy Thille, Carol Baker, Karen Orrell, Linda Barclay, Judy Alter, Sandi Christensen. BACK: Miss Montgomery, Caryelee Durnell, Helen Furmanski, Carole Elliott, Judy Soltes.

DRILL TEAM—Another Taft first and a major contribution to our first football season last year was half-time entertainment. Led by Maureen Quilligan the 76 girls in red, along with the Spanish-clad band, marched forth between halves on four different occasions. The last, according to the members of Drill Team, was the most successful. Parts of this performance, blues, soft-shoe, and charleston, were done in saxaphone, hat and cane, and musical notes formations. Surprised observers rumored that this clan was one of the two best in the West Valley League. Next semester, according to sponsor Mrs. Karen Shair, the team plans to combine quantity with quality by admitting 24 new members.

G.A.A. CHEERLEADERS — ROW 1: Carylee Durnell, Linda Weary. ROW 2: Janet Irwin, Kathy Katona.

GAA—Growing in popularity every semester is the city-wide organization of the girl-athletes. Meeting after school on Mondays through Thursdays, this group offers a practical solution for keeping fit and slim. Composed of several hundred athletically-inclined females, the GAA offered a choice of six different sports, from swimming to bowling. Led this past year by Sandy Speth and sponsored by the girls' physical education department, this group rated such social functions as a playday with Reseda and the bi-annual installation.

D THE "WEAKER SEX" IS STRONG

Umph! Team efforts in GAA always manage to net the points.

G.A.A. CABINET—ROW 1: Weary, Martin, Hindley, Speth. ROW 2: Christensen, Quilligan, Potter, Durnell. ROW 3: Albrecht, Irwin, Hollamen, Boon-Hartsinck, Katona, Miss Quintana.

SPORTS

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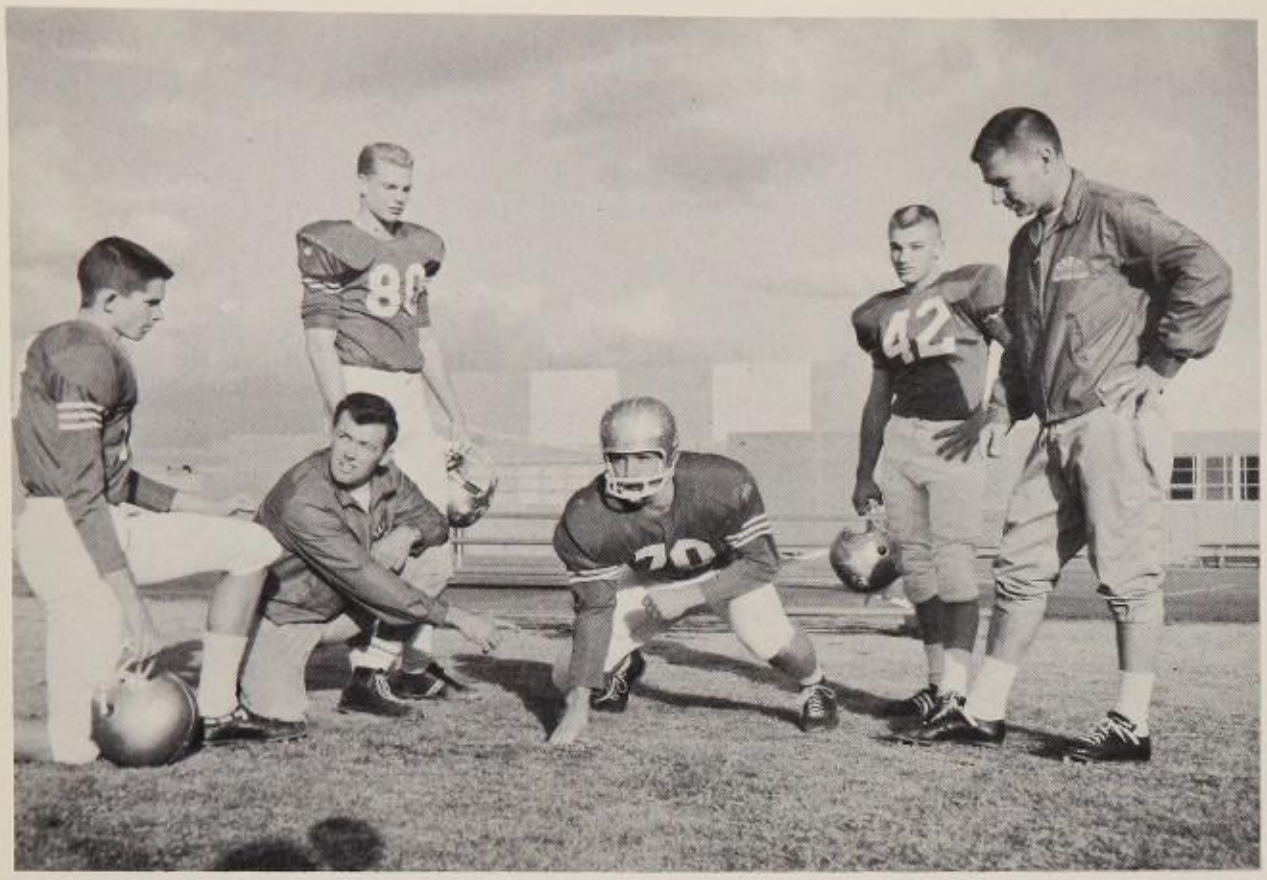
Leaping like gazelles, varsity yell leaders Jim Fuller, Pat Hallinan and Dick Russo tower above Perky Songleaders Diane Pallada, Loraine Davis, Sherry Willis, Judy Hammar and Carol Lane.

WITH COLOR AND PEP THEY LEAD SPIRITED CLANS

Red, white, and gold flew through the sky as Taft's ready pepsters gave vent to song before a spirited group. Starting last fall, Taft's first cheerleaders were chosen by a joint committee of faculty advisors and student representatives. Judged on spirit, personality, and style, aspiring young girls hurried through the tryouts and waited anxiously for the results. Once chosen, the boys and girls alike worked feverishly to prepare for the first game.

Led by Song Queen Sherry Willis and Yell King Jim Fuller, the squad of eight varsity and five Bee songsters intermingled color and enthusiasm needed to push excitement to its highest pitch. The offices of song and yell leaders will always reign as typical representatives of the great Taft spirit.

Rising high, yell leaders Jim Praytor and John Bisceglia finish a yell along with Cathy Cairnes, Joanne Sworzyn and Barbara Montieth.



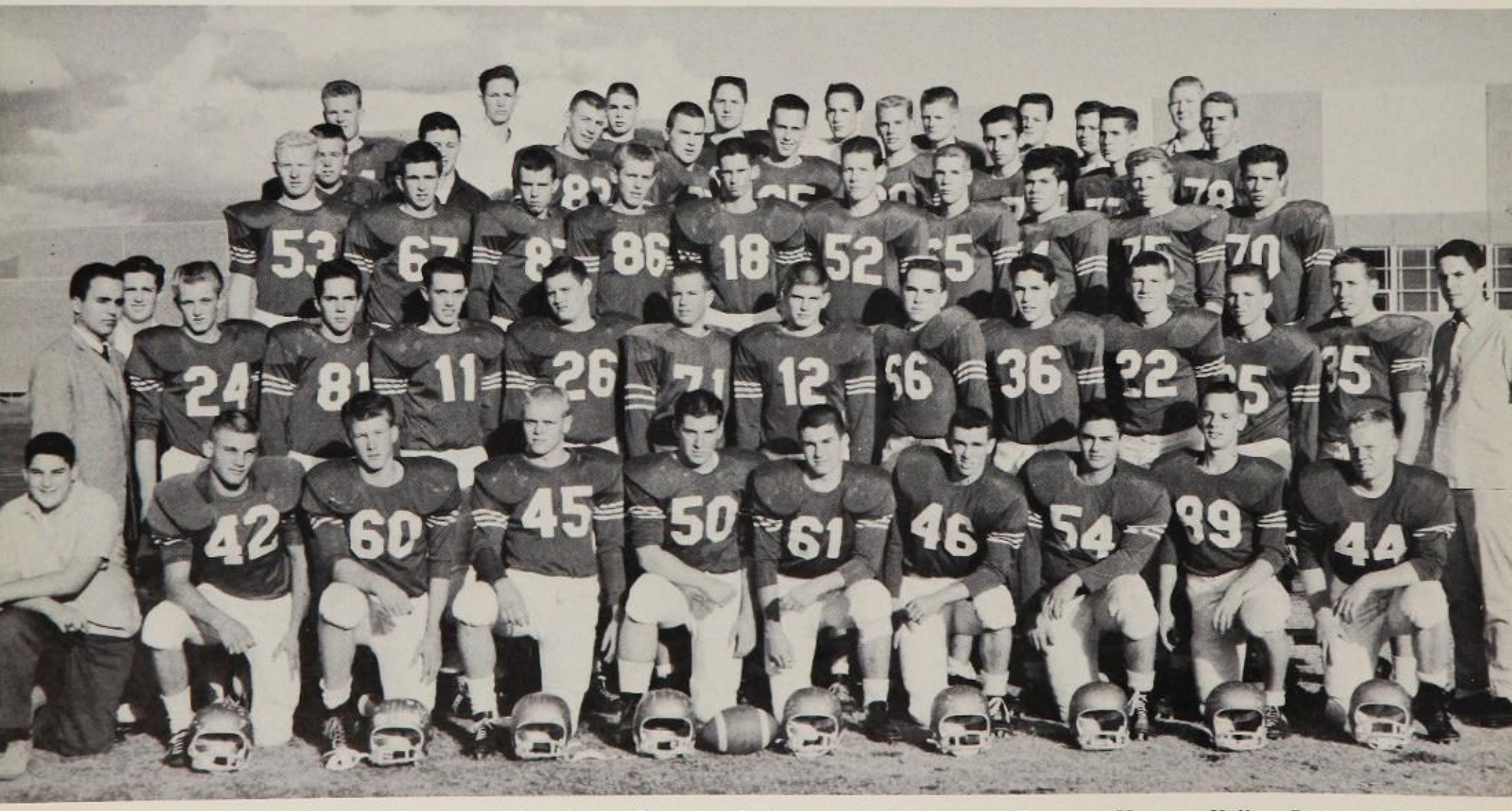
MAGIC TOUCH? Varsity line coach Ray O'Connor gives pointers to on looking Toreadors John Marks, Terry Shrader, Jim Beaumont, and Mikey Cates (L. to R.) Head coach Lambert, on right, observes demonstration.

Taft's first grid squad, coached by Hal Lambert and Ray O'Conner, was one that came to know but never accept defeat. Inexperience was our worst fault, but the great desire of the boys made for an impressive showing.

The first pre-season game was a 34-0 shut-out against Long Beach Wilson, the C.I.F. powerhouse. In the second contest our team was thrown against a superior Fremont eleven and came up on the short end of 46-0 score. Our pigskinner's then made an impressive showing in the Milk Bowl game against Grant, but allowed them to slip by 7-0.

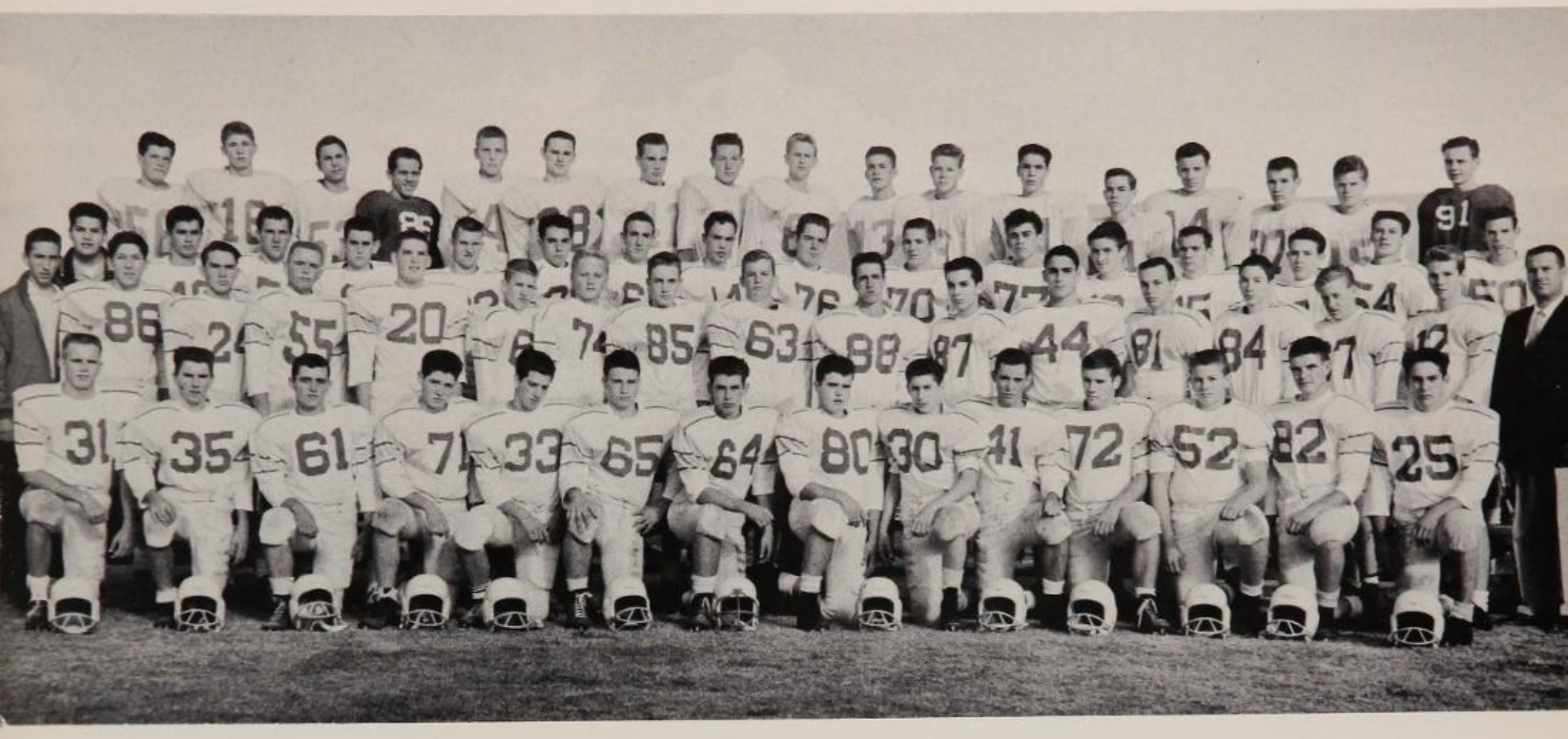
Spirit was high for our first league game as the Canoga Hunters were made to fight for a 14-0 score. Birmingham, the league runner-up, proved to be too strong to cope with as we were swarmed to the tune of 48-0. Excitement was at the peak in the fight against the Granada Hills Highlanders, but a heartbreaking turn of events brought the Highlanders a 2-0 victory. Our first score was chalked up in the Cleveland tangle, as a disappointing 33-7 defeat was handed to us by the Cavaliers. In the last game of the season we were downed 49-0 by the Reseda Regents, the West Valley champions.

DETERMINED AND BRAVE, GRID



VARSITY FOOTBALL—ROW 1: Bordofsky, Cates, Putman, Anderson, Masin, Larson, Treggett, Hurwitz, Kelley, Bader. ROW 2: Schwartz, Brewer, Felix, Akins, Helseth, Cranbery, Sutphin, Carpenter, Hubbard, McIntosh, Brady, Hohl, Price. ROW 3: Brady, Galbreath, Moeller, Ender, Holmes, Marks, Herthel, Bailey, Cananaugh, Bellamy, Beaumont. ROW 4: Noreen, Schweit, Holloway, Carpenter, Bruttig, Shrader, Consolo, Pfeifer, Blakeley. ROW 5: Donnelly, Shannon, Wheeler, Whelan, Iuerson, Schreder, Paul, Leihel, Floreen.

BEE FOOTBALL—ROW 1: Ackerman*, Brent*, Sparks, Kennerley*, Beck*, Taylor*, Matthews, Stoll, Davis, Steyer*, Williams, Mower, Mitchell*, Cress. ROW 2: Bardack, Olson*, White*, Koehlen*, Hagan, Anderson, Holm, Mendenhall, Mitchell*, Curley, Weiss*, Streb*, Alkire, Shafer, Davis*, McCaffrey Co-Coach. ROW 3: Katsampes Mgr., Patty*, Shatsky*, Woodward, Cromwell, Costa*, Reiner*, Kochy*, Reese*, Phillips*, Gardiner*, French*, Butterworth*, Vannerwal, Hanmer*, Etz*. ROW 4: Montenegro Mgr., Young, Butler, Frazier, Falcone, Chamberlain, Ashforth, Street, Conover, Bell, Carter, Ferguson, Whitfield, Biggs, Kostka, Williams, Johnson.



STERS FOUGHT OTHER CLANS

Taft's Bee gridsters, under the able coaching of John Hanna and John McCaffrey, romped through the season as they gathered a 3-2 record to put them in third place.

In the practice round they were impressive downing Long Beach Wilson 14-7, but were shutout by Fremont 14-0, and were luckless in the Grant game with a 12-0 score.

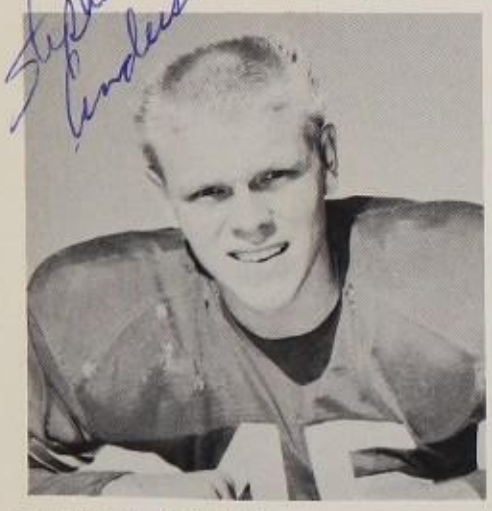
Going into league action the mighty midgets were really fired up as they trounced Canoga 14-0. Our pigskinners were disappointed after the Birmingham scramble as they dropped the game. Revenge was the cry as the Taft eleven splashed to a 14-0 victory in the mud, rain, and cold. A second half running spree, by Cleveland led to a defeat. We flung back to beat the Reseda Regents 7-0.

The squad was sparked by fine talent as eight Bee gridders gained all-league mention. On the first string were Dave Etz, Center-Captain, and Steve Philips, tackle. Taft's representatives on the second string were Barry Mitchell, end, and Dave Taylor, guard. Honorable mentions were received by Mike Shatsky, tackle, Greg Davis, quarterback, and Phil Ackerman and Eddie Patty, halfbacks.

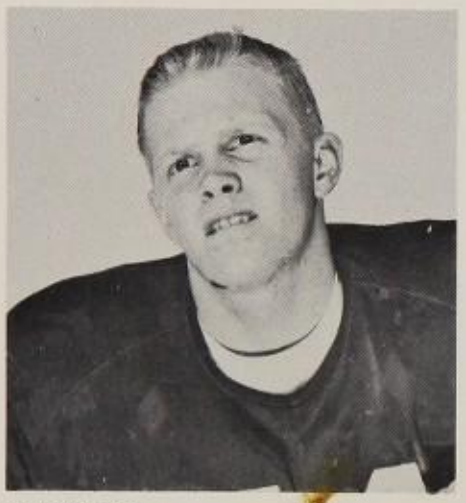
BEE'S BUSTING OUT—Toreador Bee footballers rejoice with victory. McCaffery's and Hanna's boys missed league crown by one game.

TORRID TOSS — Unidentified Toreador receiver sprints for toss from Quarterback John Marks as Mickey Cates looks on. Cavaliers took tilt 33-7.

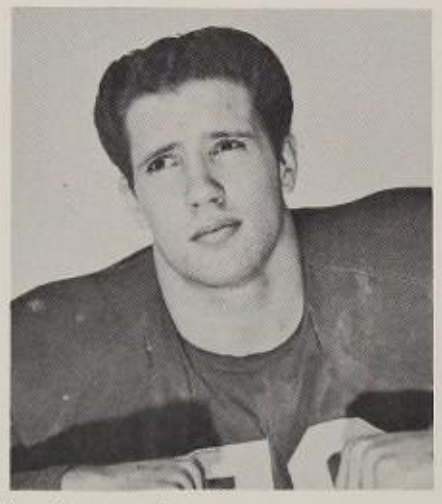
Stephen Anderson



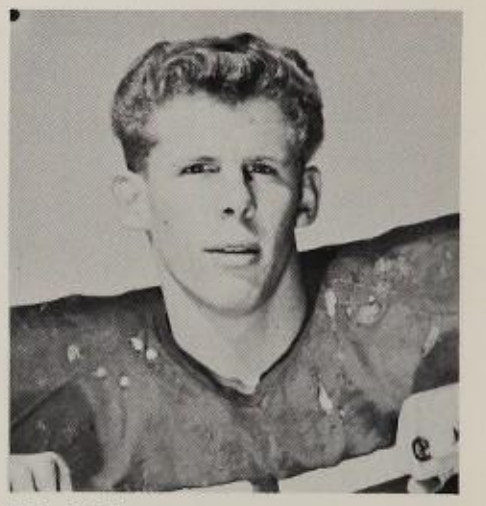
Stephen A. Anderson
Steve who is a first string varsity left halfback stands 5'9" at 160 pounds. At 18, and a B11 during football season, Steve is one of the hardest fighting players on the team. He acredits the coaches to preparing him to play his hardest on the field. His best showing was the Cleveland game where Steve made some of the finer plays and carried the ball well. The team has been able to count Steve's work as a great asset to them this year, and he will be remembered as such.



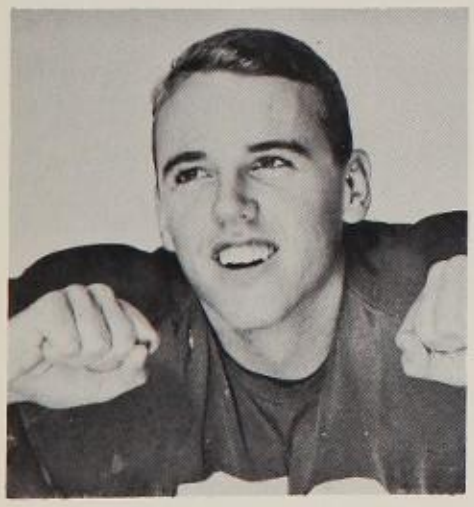
Gary Bader
Gary has been a real workhorse on the team this season. Toting the ball as right halfback he has provided many of the fine plays for this season. Standing only 5'6", he appears a giant on the field, producing remarkable results. One of the smaller players on the team, he is certainly one of the bigger powerhouses. Gary's finest game was against Birmingham as he averaged 5.3 yards rushing and blocked several rushing players. Gary is looking forward to more football playing, and Taft is looking forward to having him play.



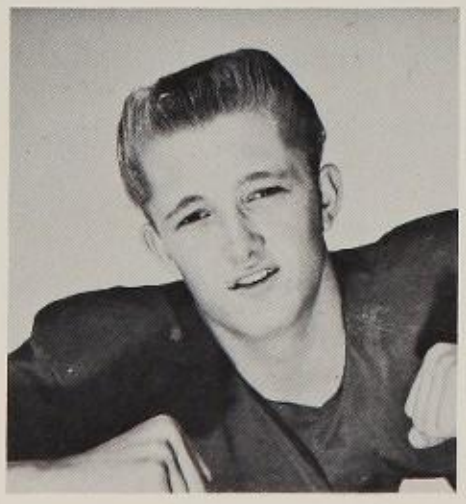
Jim Beaumont
Jim has been a consistent contributor to the Taft squad this year. He has provided lots of excitement with his hard playing. The hefty 5'10" 185 pound tackle has been strong opposition to the players he has faced. Always a strong player, gym coaches have improved his blocking and tackling to a fine art for which he is grateful. His opponents feel differently, however. His fine work has rated him the position of West Valley second string tackle. Taft appreciates having players like Jim on the team.



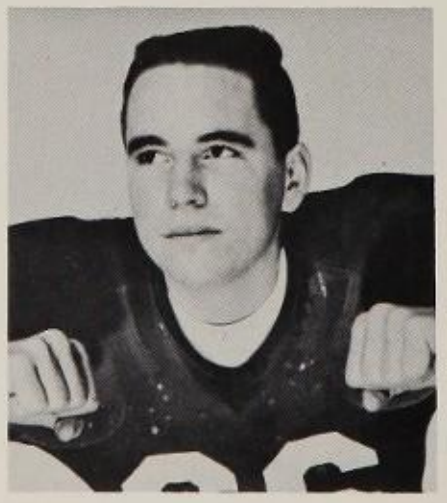
Mike Bellamy
A hard player to go against can be found in Mike. The 5'11" guard can dash the hopes of many an opposing player. Hard working Mike suffered a sprained ankle this season which caused his absence in the Canoga game, but came right back to harrass the Granada Highlanders. He has shown a lot of ability out on the field and he admits that this knoweldge has largely come from the coaches. Only 16, Big Mike has achieved a lot of success this season.



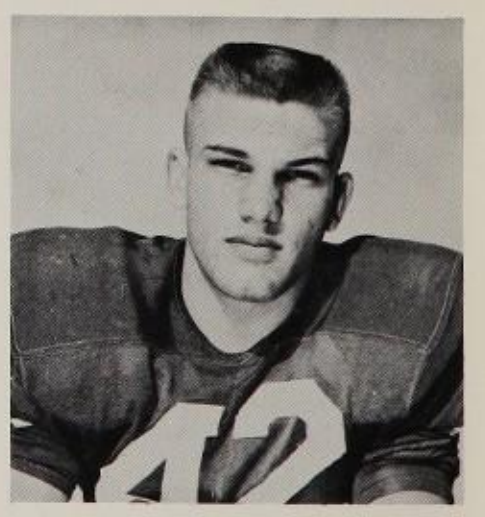
Mike Blakely
Mike the six foot tackle was one to play when the going got tough. He played a good defensive game. This season he was our first string left tackle. During the Reseda game Mike received a knee injury defending his school. He gained the nickname "beaver" because he was always ready and willing to go in and fight. Some of Mike's future plans include going to Pierce, then U.C.S.B. or Cal Poly. He plans to play ball at all the schools he attends and he will be an asset on any team he chooses to be a part of.



John Brewer
John Brewer another one of Taft's fine players has done a great deal to help his team on the field this season. At 5'10" Brewer plays a versatile end or back offense and defense proving himself a very valuable player. During the Grant game he made a number of fine tackles to stop the line and gained important yardage as a receiver. John plans an athletic future with six years of college ahead of him and football will fill all six of them.



Jay Carpenter
Jay, one of the few talented Sophomores to attain a berth on this year's team has proven his worth as a lineback. Big Jay makes good, hard, tackles consistently and never fails to give the team his all. The Cleveland game was one he remembered as good because of fine tackles he made. Jay plans to continue his schooling and football too. It is fortunate for our school that fine players like Jay can be depended upon to give fine performances for Taft.



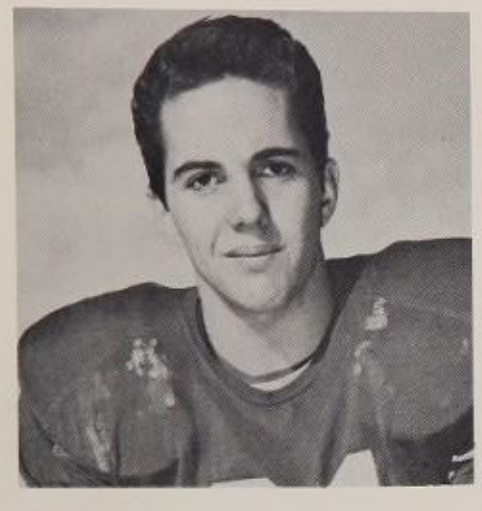
Michael C. Cates
Mickey has proved that it is speed and ability that count on the field. He attributes his ball carrying success to the coach's advice. Shining in the Grant game he proved his strength with his hard hitting and fine carrying. As a potential scorer in every game with a 3.1 average, Mickey is well deserving of his awards. He was chosen second string West Valley halfback and third string all Valley. Taft can be grateful that Mickey will return to play next year.

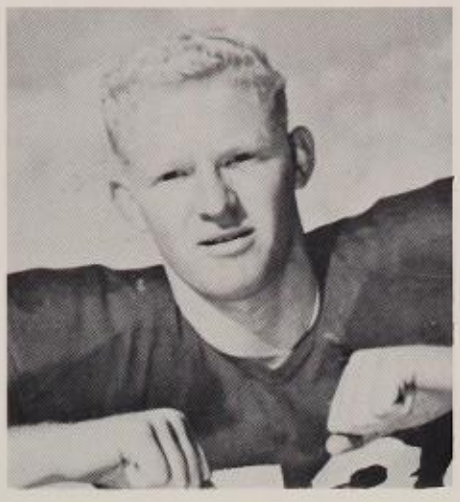
Ray Felix
Ray has shown his ability to lead us on the football field as well as in school government. He plays first string and is noted for his fine punting. Ray received an injured knee and was forced to sit out the Grant game. His playing is well thought of not only by his home school but by others as well, as he received Honorable Mention on the West Valley team for his fine efforts to lead the Toreadors to victory.

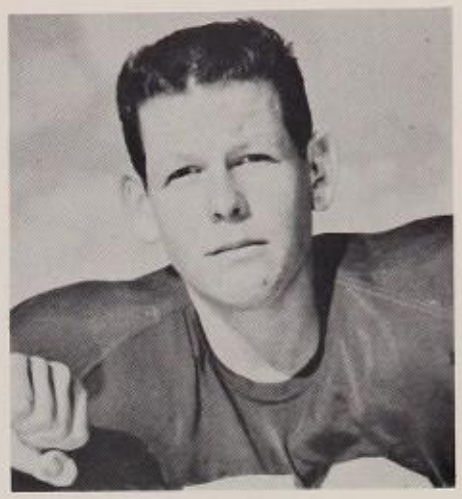
Bill Galbreath
Bill, our hefty 180 pound first string tackle has shown the opposing schools that Taft has real defensive power. Bill has been known for his ability and has proved that he is capable of using it. He was nicknamed Wild Bill by his teammates for his fine defensive playing and tackles. We are looking forward to seeing "Wild Bill" on the field next year.

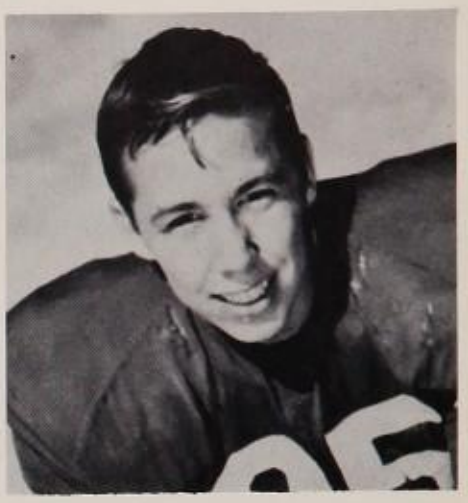
Steve Herthel
Playing second string tackle and center on the defensive line big Steve Herthel contributed a great deal to Taft's first grid season. Standing 5'11" in height and weighing 175 pounds he attributed his success to playing an aggressive defensive line and to the coaches for their help. Being only a junior, 16-year-old Herthel plans to complete another football season at Taft with even more success. After graduation he hopes to go to West Point where he plans to play football with the army team.

Thomas Hohl
First string Varsity fullback Thomas Hohl is one of Taft's most outstanding and valuable football stars. Missing only the Reseda game, due to a football injury, Hohl meant a great deal to Taft's first team, as was exhibited when he was chosen "player of the week." This 16-year-old junior, feels that his best game was against the Grant High Lancers, when he gained 72 yards. His future plans include college, where he hopes to become a doctor.



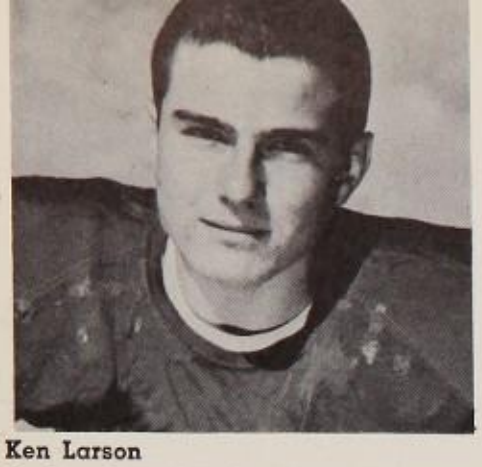




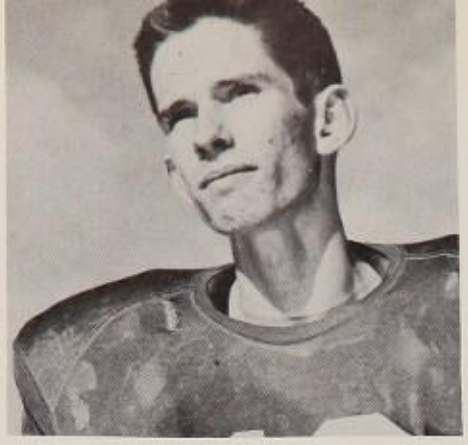


"STOP!" Signals do Regent defender no good as he tries to flag down Taft's Mickey Cates (42) headed around right end, but he finds road block in the form of Tackle Jim Beaumont (70). Mike Bellamy (75 in background) comes up to join in the fun. Title bound Regents eased by the Toreadors 56 to 0.

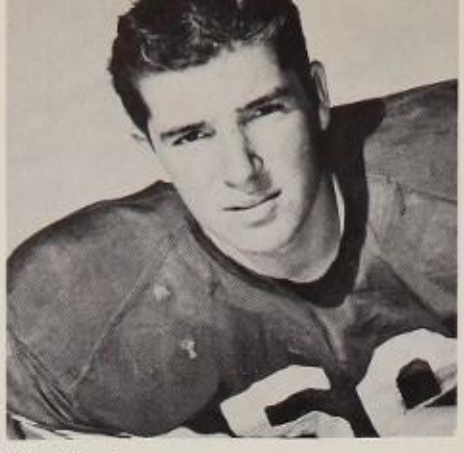
MICKEY ON THE MOVE— Speedy right half back Cates (42) romps around left end for good yardage against Reseda as Bellamy (75) throws key block.



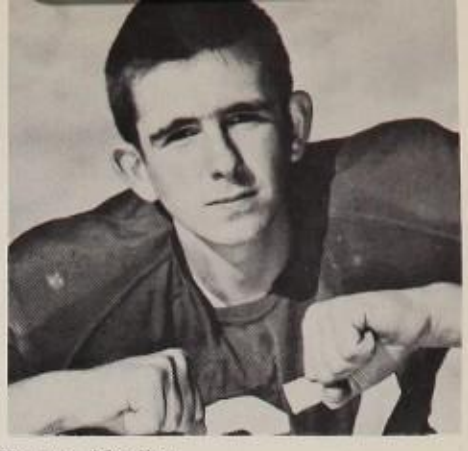
Ken Larson
Husky A-11 Ken Larson was featured this season as guard on the varsity grid plate. Standing five feet seven inches and weighing 165 pounds Ken proved himself through thick and thin on the field. After playing only one league game his fall career ended abruptly with a leg injury from the Canoga Park game. Believing in aggressiveness and strength, his theory will be tested next fall when he plans to continue football. Included in his after-graduation plans are college and a dental practice.



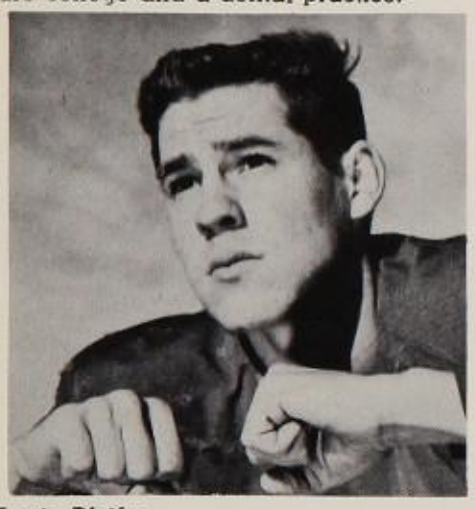
John Marks
John the tall, lanky quarterback has been one for spectacular plays this football season. His superior passing gave him a chance at the backfield position where he held up very well. Unfortunately his luck gave out and he was forced to discontinue as a sprained ankle laid him up. His best game was against Granada Hills where his passing was at its best. John has planned well for his future and hopes to attend college and play football there. His plans will be carried out as well as his passes.



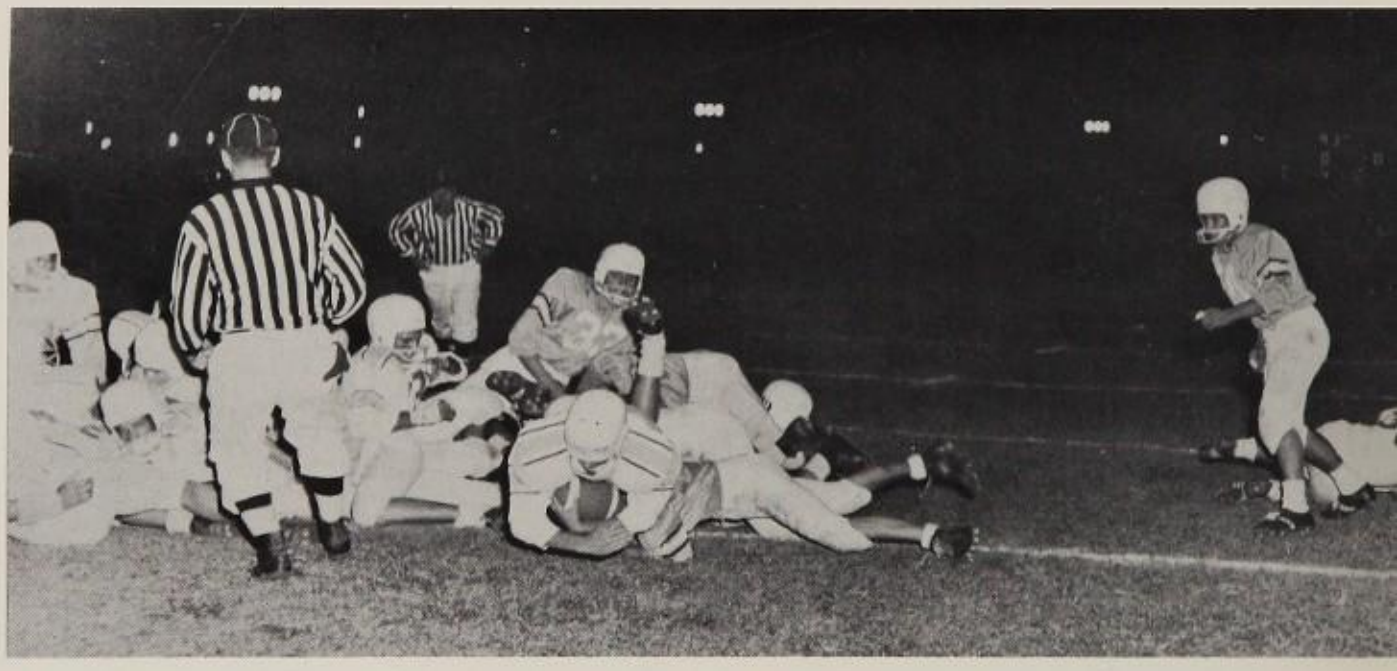
Mike Masin
Playing center this season was five-foot eight-inch, 185 pound Mike Masin. While under 16 years of age, his most vivid memories of the fall league were playing his hardest game at Reseda and receiving serious injuries from Birmingham gridmen. Scheduled for the next year and a half at Taft are tennis and shot-put during the spring and football again next fall, he plans to include a math-science major in his curriculum and his biggest aim is to attend Stanford and play college football.



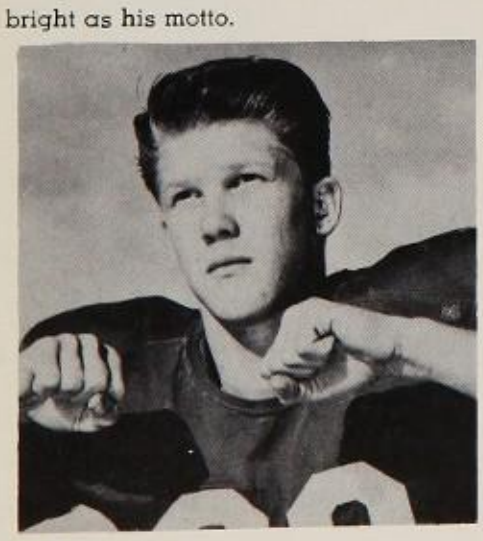
Warren Moeller
Warren a husky 5'11" 180 pound player on the defense line is on the Varsity Football team. Warren, although he did not have many opportunities to play this season has proven his potential value to next season's team. He has shown his ability in one particular game in which he did remarkably well. This was the game with Canoga Park High School where his fine playing showed the ability he was capable of. Moe, as he is referred to by his friends, plans to be a veterinarian after graduating from college.



Louis Pfeifer
Louis, a 6 ft. 165 pound right tackle has proven to be a very important member on our Varsity line. Louie received a leg injury this season and was forced to sit out two of our games but his showing in the other games were tremendous. An A-11 Louie believes his best game was that opposing Cleveland. This is because he had an opportunity to show his abilities. His motto is to "Learn one thing at a time." Louie's future is as bright as his motto.

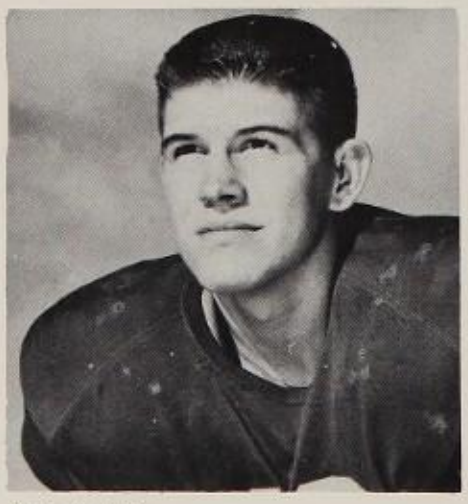


TAKING IT EASY—Jeff Kochy rests comfortably over the Reseda goal line, after scoring only touchdown of the game.

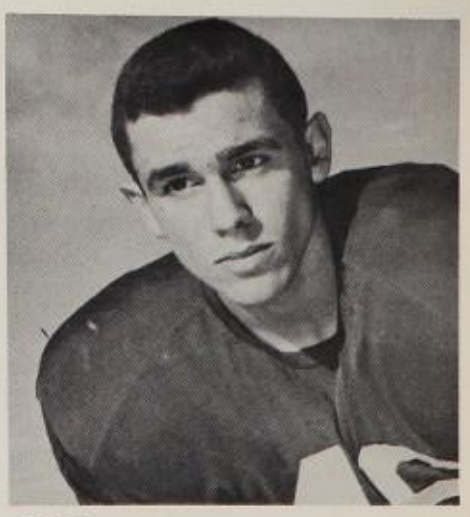


Ken Putman
Ken, a very capable Varsity first string player has thrown his husky 5'9" 155 pound stature into many an opposing line. Ken, a guard, has shown that he has a bright career in football ahead of him. He enjoys the game tremendously and gets a great deal of pleasure out of playing it. He attributes his ability to the coaches who have taught him the basic fundamentals. We all hope that Ken's future in football will include another year on Varsity Football at Taft.

Terry Shrader
Terry, a strong 190 pound 6'1" right end on first string varsity has been a big asset to this year's team. Terry has been chosen the player of the week, twice, and has received an honorable mention in the all-West Valley. He attributes his successful playing of offense and defense to the coaches who taught him blocking, pass receiving, tackling and other basic fundamentals. In the future Terry plans to attend college. We all hope his plans will include another season on Taft's Varsity.



Rick Sutphin
Rick, though only a Sophomore, has shown opposing forces that he can hold fast his position as quarterback. 164 pounds of fight, Rick has contributed a great deal to the defense of our grid team. In the future Rick plans to attend a college and most probably play football. Rick has much to thank our coaches for, especially on remark that has helped him in all his games, "Keep that head up" is a theme to Rick and he plays well remembering it.



Bob Treggett
Five foot seven inches, 150 pounds is a simple description of letterman Bob Treggett. Sixteen year old Bob feels his best showing was against Grant High when he first played a defensive game. Bob played harder and kept his place in the line. His future goals include Annapolis and football at Annapolis. Little Bob played very well to keep on the team this season and after proving himself a worthy assert to any team. We know he will prove himself in years to come.

Taft's unheralded Cross Country tracksters completed a fairly successful season, even though they finished low in the standings with a 1-4 record.

The success of the season was determined by the experience gained and the fine times turned in by the squad, who will be a real threat next season.

The team was led by Louis Rodriquez, Jay Romais, and Car La Croix.

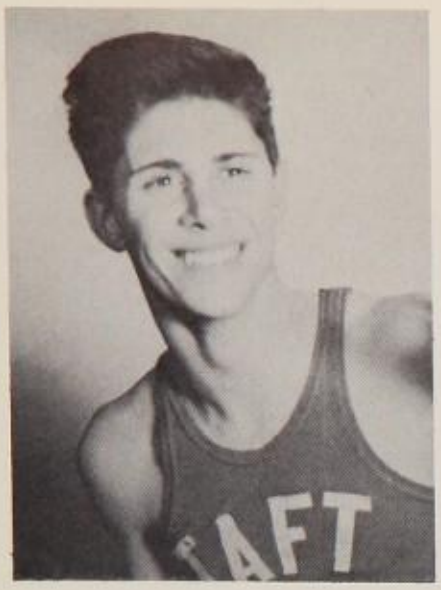
Louie was consistently the squads first and most valuable performer. Jay's great potential finally showed in the Reseda meet when he set the school record of 9:19. Carl was our second best performer who improved greatly from the beginning of the season.

Further support was gained from lettermen Robin Hill, Wolfgang Beutel, and Jim Pruss.

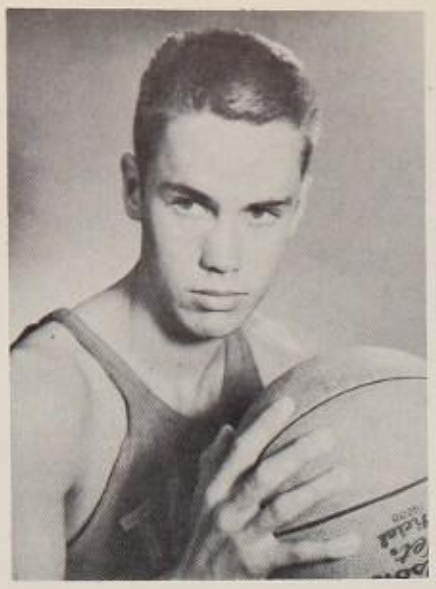
VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY—ROW 1: Louis Rodriques. Mr. Reedy, Carl La Croix, Robin Hill. ROW 2: Ronnie Lee, Mgr., Jay Romais, Tig Davis, Jim Pruss, Wolf Beutel.

J.V. CROSS COUNTRY—ROW 1: John Gottlieb, Pat Kale, Bill Morong, Rick Haas, Eric Struhl, Mike Hall, Ed Krause. ROW 2: John Parker, John Ryan, Bruce Bell, Tom Lennan, Sigma Alpha, Coach Reedy, Bob Mummey, Mark Squires, Eddie Poe, Pat Wheeler, Jack Griffiths.

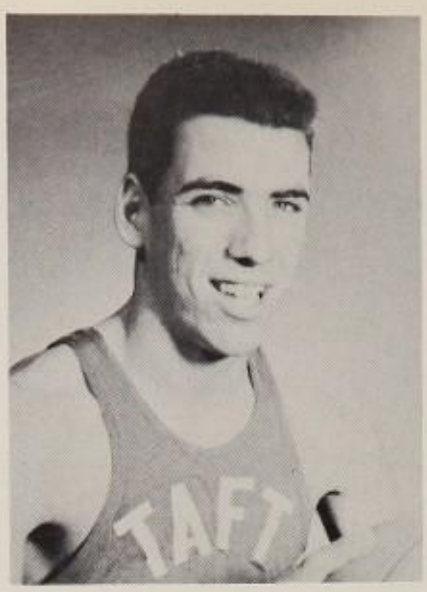
10TH GRADE CROSS COUNTRY — ROW 1: Jon Green, Tom Casteel, Dan McCool, Mr. Reedy. ROW 2: Buzz Larson, Frank Prentice, John Miller, Rick Barnes, Steve Kennerley, Chuck Long.



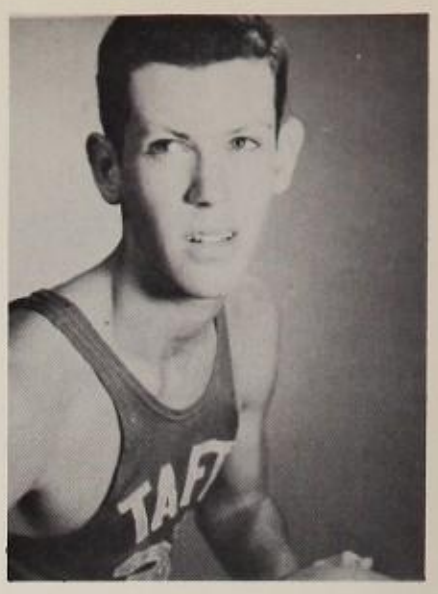
Alan Bennett
Only 5'8" tall, Alan Bennett is of small stature for a successful Varsity guard, but his speed and agility has more than made up for his size. His successful season was climaxed by an All Valley honorable mention.



Mike Movius
Six foot five, Mike Movius held a strong center position on the varsity basketball team this season. Being his first year of basketball, he was nicknamed "Walt-the-Fault," but his success prompted him to continue basketball competition.



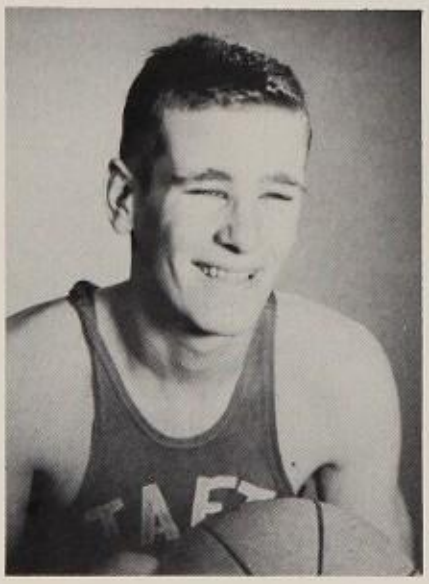
Anthony Oddo
Big "O" is indeed an appropriate name for our 6 ft. 2 in. center-forward. Tony has proven himself in all his games and was chosen for the second-string all-valley team, and named the best defensive basketball player at Taft.



John Scherer
Johnny, our 6'1¼" center-forward has proven his potential value to our Toreador team. He has consistently shown his ability to play a good defensive game and his ability on the boards has been his success.

THE TALL MEN SCORED HIGH THOUGH BAD LUCK

IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE—Everyone looks up for the rebound as Alan Bennett shoots up during the Canoga hassle.



Steve Rousso
Team captain Steve Rousso well played his position as guard this season. His team gave many fine performances and he played an important part in them as the team's playmaker known for its success.

Coach Lerman's hustling hoopsters potential successful season proved disappointing as they were tied for last place.

In our first league game the hapless Hunters were defeated 45-50, we then were outplayed by Birmingham to the tune of 72-57. Excitement was the key word in the Granada game as we tallied a 68-66 overtime win. Cleveland's cagers then put us in our place 68-48. We triumphed over Reseda in the next game, 58-50.

Canoga cried revenge as they came out on top of a 69-62 score. Birmingham, the league champions, dominated the court as they stepped over us 82-51. Our next encounter was a 59-37 loss to Granada Hills, which was followed by a 59-37 drubbing by Cleveland, the last game of the season was a 56-45 loss to Reseda.

We were well represented on the all-league teams, as Tony Oddo, center represented us on the second team, Dave Phillips, forward, on the third team, and Allan Bennette, guard, honorable mention.

Not pictured is letterman Steve Krohn. Steve "The Hawk" Krohn has proven to be a valuable guard on our team. Moving up from a "C" letterman, Steve has really shown Varsity strength and ability. This fast moving player has given his all this past season.

VARSITY BASKETBALL—ROW 1: Coach Lerman, Philip, Oddo, Bennett. ROW 2: Movius, Scherer, Rousso, Hasselle, Hallinan, Krohn.

CHANGED THE PACE

TAFT	OPPONENT	
50	Canoga	45
57	Birmingham	72
68	Granada Hills	66
48	Cleveland	68
58	Reseda	50
62	Canoga	69
51	Birmingham	82
39	Granada Hills	55
37	Cleveland	59
45	Reseda	56

With or without high league standing the J.V. team coached by Norm Lerman provided quite a sparkle. Led by Rick Pecel, Steve Weiss, Rick Bradstreet, Roger Howe, and Tom Seitzler, an upset team occupied the courts. Starting the season with four straight losses little could be said for the team, but with the addition of such players as Weiss and Pecel good things began to happen. Winning the next three out of four the hoop rates went up and so did the J.V.'s as they ended an upgoing season low in standings.

DEADLY AIM — Frantic Hunter players look on as Tony Oddo fires a scoring shot.

J.V. BASKETBALL—ROW 1: Courtney, Pecel, Fuller, Mayer, Seitzler, Howe, Weiss, Butland. ROW 2: Sarno, Quinlan, Gentle, Rauen, Mowinkle, Alexander, Shave, Cochran, Menzing, Bradstreet, Coach Lerman.

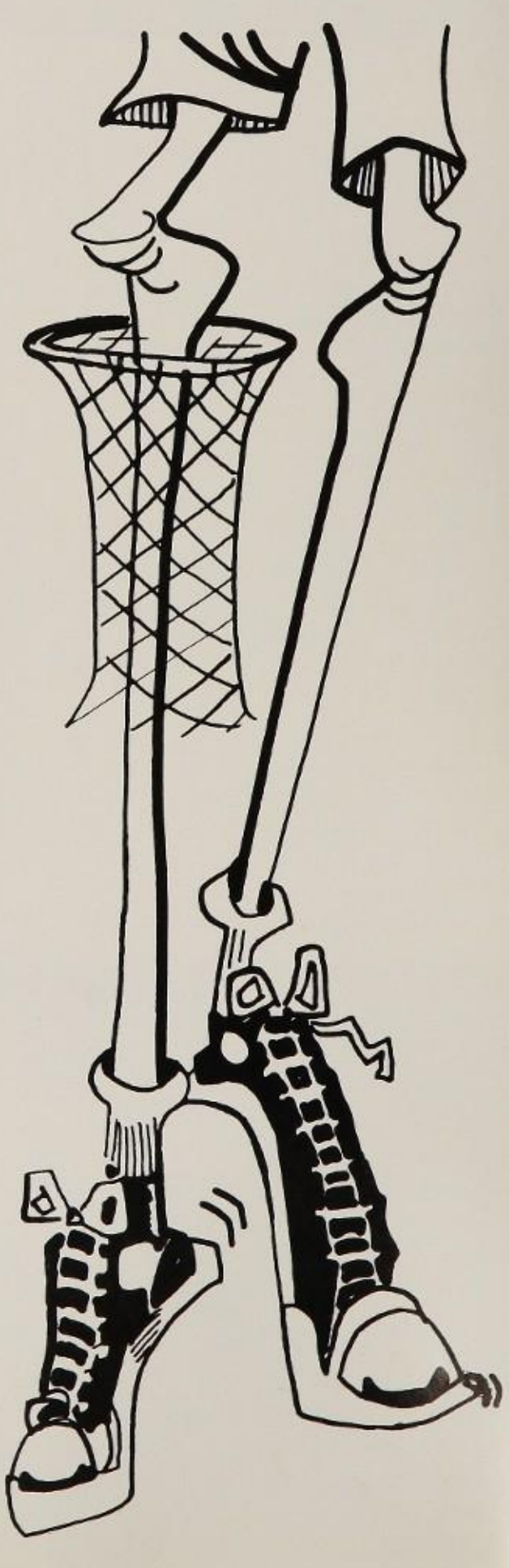
FALL FADED TO SPRING AND NEW SPORTS SHOWED A FACE

BEE BASKETBALL—ROW 1: Demester, Giles, Feers, Richardson, Govers, Hackley, Sloan, Coach Buchanan. ROW 2: Campione, Dunlap, Ross, Rupe, Raven.

Taft's first Bee cager's coached by Edward Buchanan, although sparked with a host of talent including forwards Chuck Campione, Scott Dunlap, and center Terry Ellis, finished a humiliating season with only two wins, a non-league tilt against Franklin 37-34, and another against Granada Hills 34-33 after losing to them 112 to 59 in the first bout.

With the promotion of many of the Bee hoopsters more color should be added to our next years Junior Varsity and Varsity squads.

CEE BASKETBALL—ROW 1: McCaskill, Herzog, Toy, Kay, Renard, Miller, Guerwitz. ROW 2: Percer, Reichele, Smith, Grove, Smith, Stock.



Taft's C hoopsters coached by Edward Buchanan completed their season with a 4-6 record in third place. The team's finer players included captain Lon Handlezman, high scoring Art Richele and Steve Grove as well as John Stock and Lon Steffins. These little Toreadors gave fine showings to League contenders. Several heartbreakers were all that kept the C's from achieving a higher league standing.

TENNIS—STANDING: John Parker, Mitchell Witkosky, Dick Russo, Jeff Hubelbank, Roger Howe, Pat Hallinan, Rick Brandstreet. KNEELING: Dave Adkins, Bob Bernstein, Ed Patty, Chip Hanson, Mike Bergman.

The Toreador netmen moved swiftly around the courts appeared catlike in their agile movements. The quick racqueteers wrapped up third place losing only to the powerful Regents, and almighty Cavaliers. The team had talent in first man Eddie Patty who could be seen muscles flexing, his tanned body moving quickly to meet the ball, and he met it well. Second man Rick Bradstreet wasted no time in asserting his solid forehand to all comers. Third man Pat Hallinan moved quickly to his place of fame by defeating all who came against him. Other teamwork was done by Jeff Hubblebank, Chip Hanson and Dick Russo and Roger Howe as doubles men. Winning three out of five net meets the team proved its great potential and strong opposition. Teamwork was counted as the most important thing by Coach Hanna who contributed greatly with his help for the boys on the team and got results.

Rick Bradstreet
2nd man

Pat Hallinan
3rd man

Chip Hanson
5th man

Jeff Hubelbank
4th man

Eddy Patty
1st man

Coach Snyder and his first year golf team did little more than learn the green in their first year. Working on their putts and drives the clubmen came through much better than expected. The 35 boys came through with a win over Reseda and a tie with Granada Hills to their credit. Top men on the team David Westerfield, Roger Rox, and Mike Bleifer made fine showings in their five meets bringing in most of the points. Other team members bringing in points were Jim Nicholson, Tucker Robbins, Tom Stebbins, Terry Meyers, Dick Zankon, Tom Urich and Bob Blanks. Their one win and tie saved them from the lowest league standing which was expected from the first year team. Their performance was surprising as well as fine.

GOLF TEAM—ROW 1: Buchanan, Hudson, Bleifer, Nicholson, Notaro, Stebbins, Tremblatt, Handy. ROW 2: Coach Snyder, Fox, Westerfield, Zankin, O'Neil, Robbins, Blanks, Urich, Anderson.

BATS FLEW AS

HUSTLING! Another Toreador runner puts on the steam to make the play safe.

The Varsity Baseball team, hampered by general inexperience and extreme stiff competition, gave their best to the Toreador cause, but still came out on the short end of league standings. Such outstanding tenth grade prospects as Ray Akins, Bob Rose, Bill Hubbard, Mike Silva, and Tom Faciona will sparkle for two more years. Returning eleventh graders Jiff Kochy, Terry Schrader, Jim Russo, John Brewer, and Toni Hohl will add the experience needed come '62. The team worked hard this year to gain the experience needed for championship play. Sorely missed will be seniors John Marks and Dave Cress.

HOW TO DO IT—Ray Akins is showing teammates the form that consistently made him our number one batter.

The J.V. squad, coached by Hal Lambert, proved a good all-around team with a group hoping to aid the varsity next year. Such outstanding men as Mike Pardee, Jerry Ravin, John Thompson, Steve White, and Steve Phillips gave our club a good name. Playing many extra-inning games gave our team an earned reputation as a hard working group destined to become good ball players.

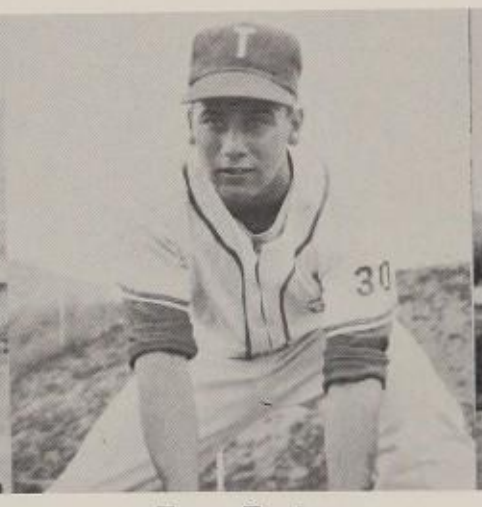
VARSITY BASEBALL—ROW 1: Reichli, Stayer, Faciana, McDugal, Rose. ROW 2: Cress, Russo, Weiss, Hubbard, Mitchell, Kochy. ROW 3: Pollard, Akins, Hohl, Shrader, King, Brewer, Mr. O'Connor.

BALLS SOARED, AND RUNS RAISED THE SCORE

YOU'RE OUT! This is often the word with such moundsmen as Ray Akins, Jim Russo, Bob Rose, and John Marks filling the spot.

John Brewer

Dave Cress



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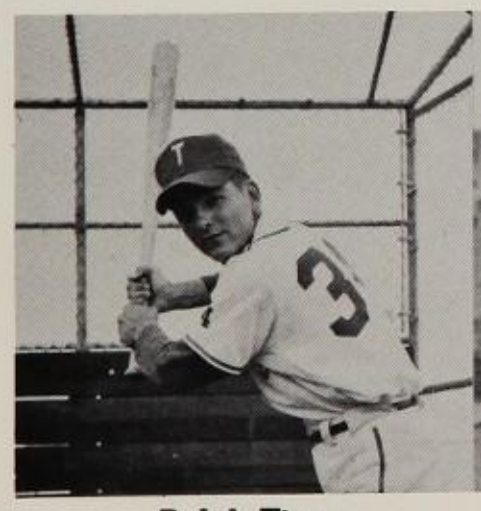

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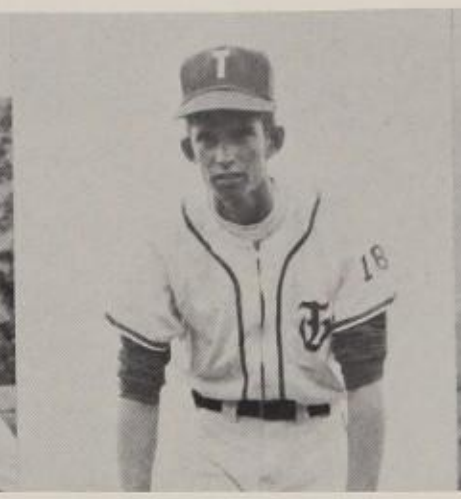

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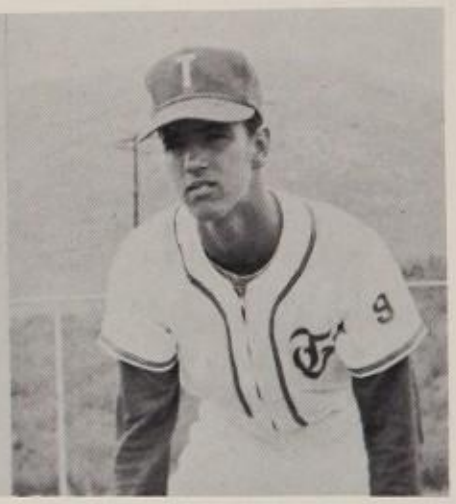

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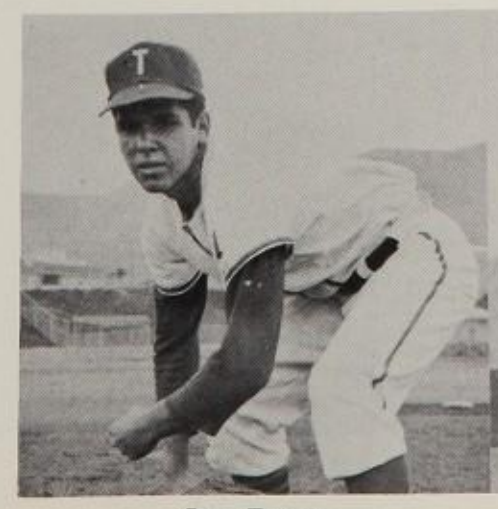

Jim Russo

Terry Schrader

Mike Silva

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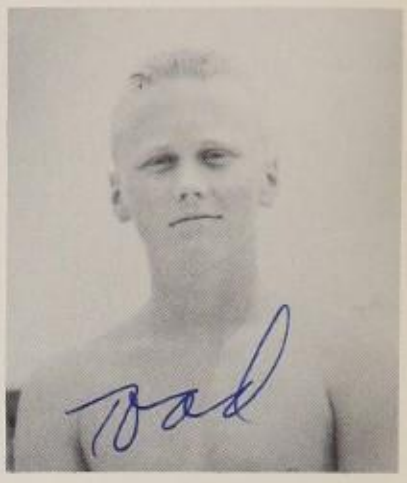


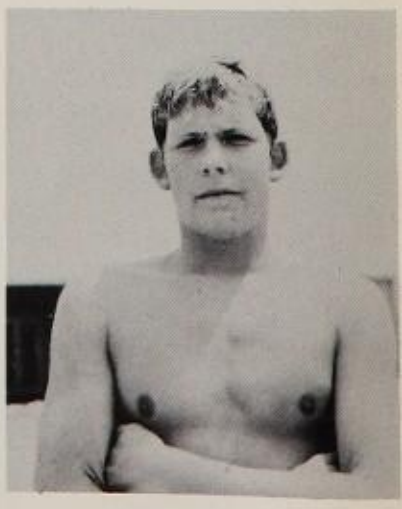
Dave Anderson
Backstroke

VARSITY SWIM — ROW 1: Hackley, Mitchell, Vanderbush, Nettler, Ivensen, Granberry, Anderson, Green. ROW 2: Coach Lerman, Nolina, Weiss, Miller, Nolls, Etaz, Culver, Bailey, Sherbondy, Ward.

BEE SWIM—ROW 1: Butler, Belt, Walker, Sommers, DeGean, Sparks. ROW 2: Obink, Robinson, Vanderwal, Carr, Bush, Rosen, Mercer. ROW 3: Coach Lerman, Grove, Tierman, Percer, Conover, Dotton.

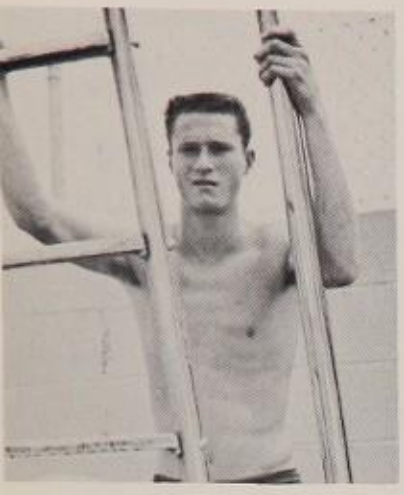
CEE SWIM—ROW 1: Hoffman, Saver, Horn, Colbert, Apperson. ROW 2: Coach Lerman, Perker, Frazier, Balaam, Shaw, Davidson, Mayer.

Bart Hackley
Breaststroke



Rick Miller
Free Style

SWIMMERS BROUGHT HOME WITH THEM HONORS GALORE



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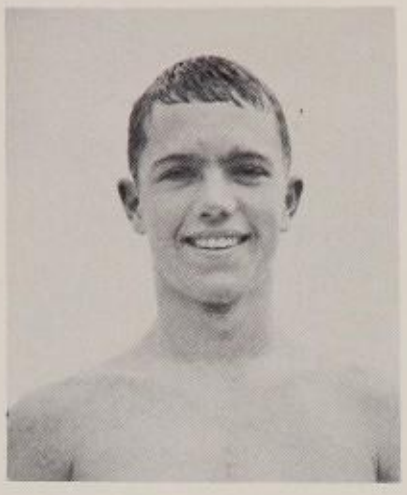
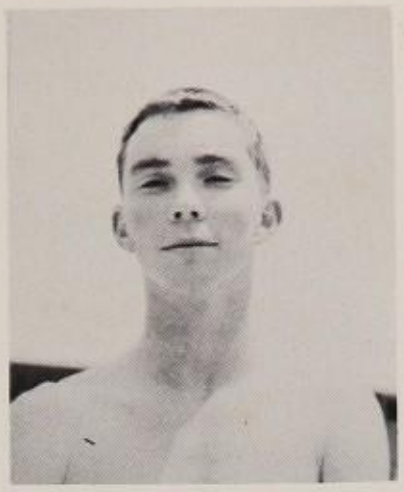
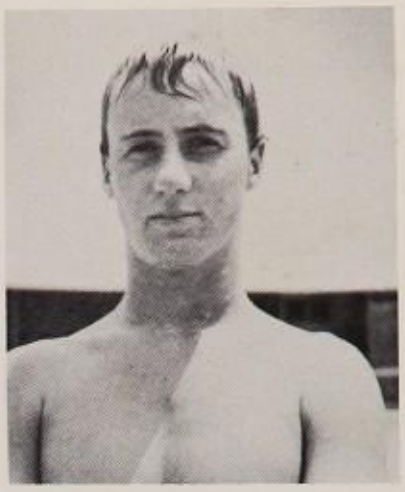


Butch Belt
Butterfly, Free Style

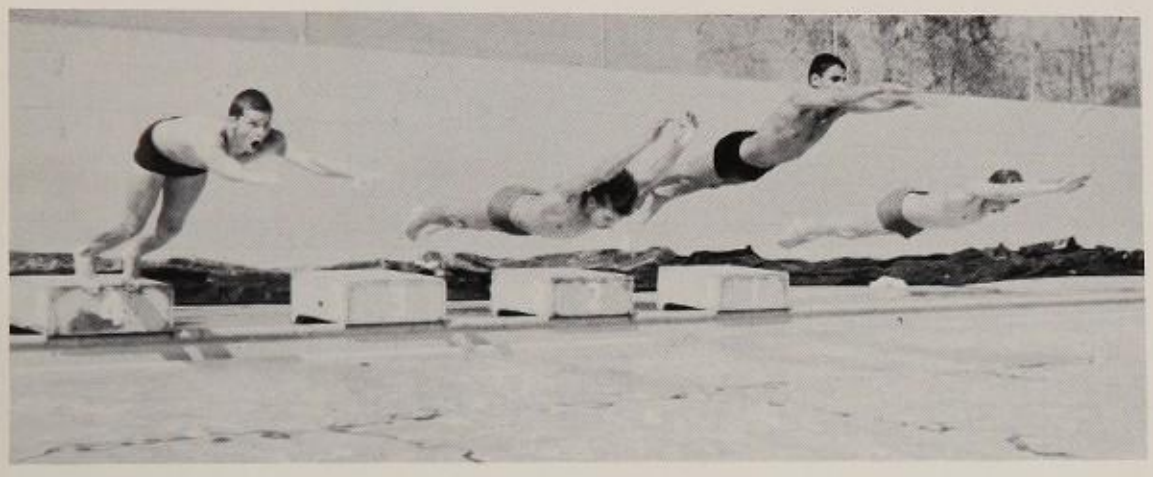


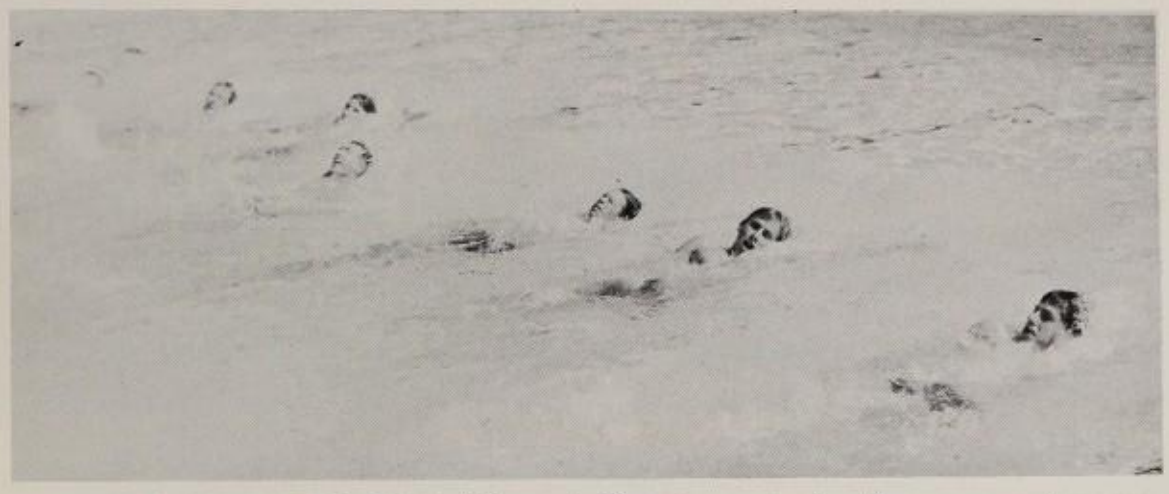
Gene Borio
Breaststroke



Dennis Culver
Backstroke

Jon Greene
Diver

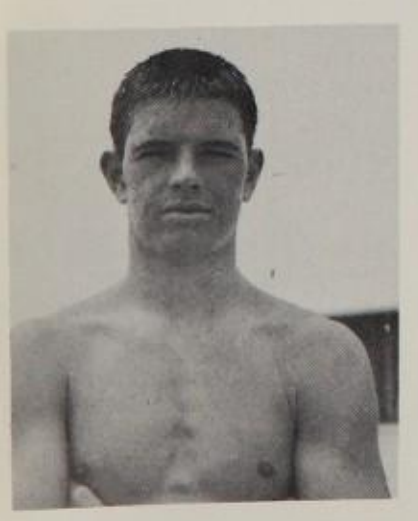




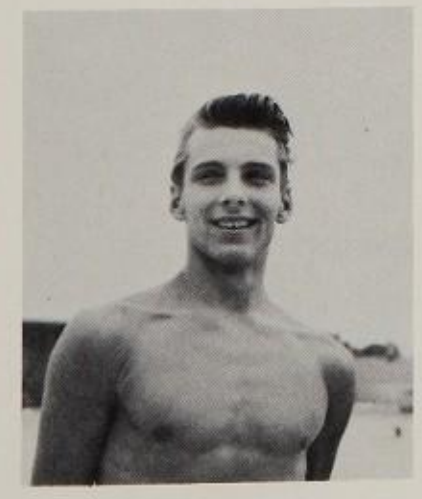
HARD WORK PAYS OFF—(Above). Showing winning form are swimmers Steve Nolls, Rick Nolind, Alan Weiss, and Rick Miller. (Below) Toreador mermen hustle in a relay during one of their grueling workouts.

The three Toreador swimming teams completed the season in the second spot as they watered down all opposition except omnipotent Birmingham. Our varsity team, which is the most successful to ever represent Taft, recruited most of their talent from our cross-town rivals, Canoga Park and Reseda. One of the standouts on the varsity team was Al Weiss, who consistently swishes through the water to the tune of 27.6 seconds for 50 meters. His time in the 100 is also respectably low. Steve Nolls is a powerful man, best in the 200 and 100 meter freestyles. Rick Nolind is known for his endurance in the many events he enters being all powerful in relays and distance. Larry Sherbandy a strong Butterfly man is also good in the freestyle. Gene Borio, a Cee standout in city last year, is now pacing the valley in the breast stroke. A record setting backstroker Dave Anderson is also fine in the medley relay. Members of medley relay team are Anderson, Borio, Sherbondy, and Nolind. After a successful season, the varsity team is looking forward to next year. The swim team is the most successful varsity team on the campus and have brought no less fame than a championship team.

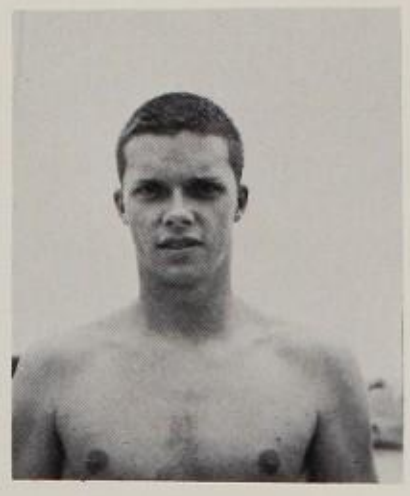
The Bee squad, which was also second in the West Valley, was paced by Butch Belt, butterfly; Bob Bush, freestyle and medley; Bill Dutton, backstroke; and Mike Carr, breaststroke. Many of this year's Bees will be back to spark next year's varsity squad. Bees have given much to the swim team's reputation by working hard and gaining well earned recognition. The Toreador tadpoles also stroked to a respectable second place, as most of the Cees began their initial career in the sport. You can be sure to hear the names of Fred Shaw in freestyle; Bob Parker who is outstanding in many events, and Mike Horn, backstroke and butterfly next season.



Alan Mitchell
Butterfly, Individual



Rick Nolind
Free Style, Individual



Steve Nolls
Free Style

Larry Sherbondy
Butterfly, Individual

Alan Weiss
Free Style

CINDERS WERE RUN WITH EXC

VARSITY TRACK—ROW 1: Beaumont, Evans, Hallinan, Felix, Cates, Bennett, Masin. ROW 2: Hessler, Squires, Beaumont, Carpenter, Poe, Cauanaugh, King, Bedal, Hill. ROW 3: Wheeler, Reirson, Ryan, Dunlap, Hager, Gentle, McCool, Lennon, Reese, Nicklaus. ROW 4: Holmes, Pruss, Scherer, Mowinckel, Romais, Gardner, Alpha, Rousso, Beutel, Guerin, Mummey.

Taft's first claim to fame was found in her West Valley League Bee Track champions. Many singular performances resulted in fine overall league showing. Leading men such as Phil Ackerman, 660; Mike Butterworth, Rodriguez, 1320; Dave Bennett, 220; Dick Russell, John McPeak, hurdles; Paul Olson, shot put; Jim Dell, Steve Prentice, board jump; Tig Davis, pole vault; and a four event man, Bill Streb, both high and low hurdles and pole vault and relay. However, the most spectacular of Bee sprinters is Al Zdenek who rose from an excellent Cee sprinter to the leading Bee man. With all the talent and teamwork offered by these boys it is no wonder they copped the title. The consistently fine workers nabbed first in every meet to break up Reseda's bid for the title 49-46 to become champs.

BEE TRACK — ROW 1: Beck, Kale, Olson, Butterworth, Denson, Rodriguez. ROW 2: Taylor, Eilert, Hausman, Ackerman, Pecel, Salisbury, Giottleib, Bardack, French, Streb, Steyer. ROW 3: Davis, Ender, Ruper, Dell, Bennett, Russle, Wright, Griggs, McPeak, Kennerly, Prentice, Bell, Mitchel.

ITEMENT AND THRILLS

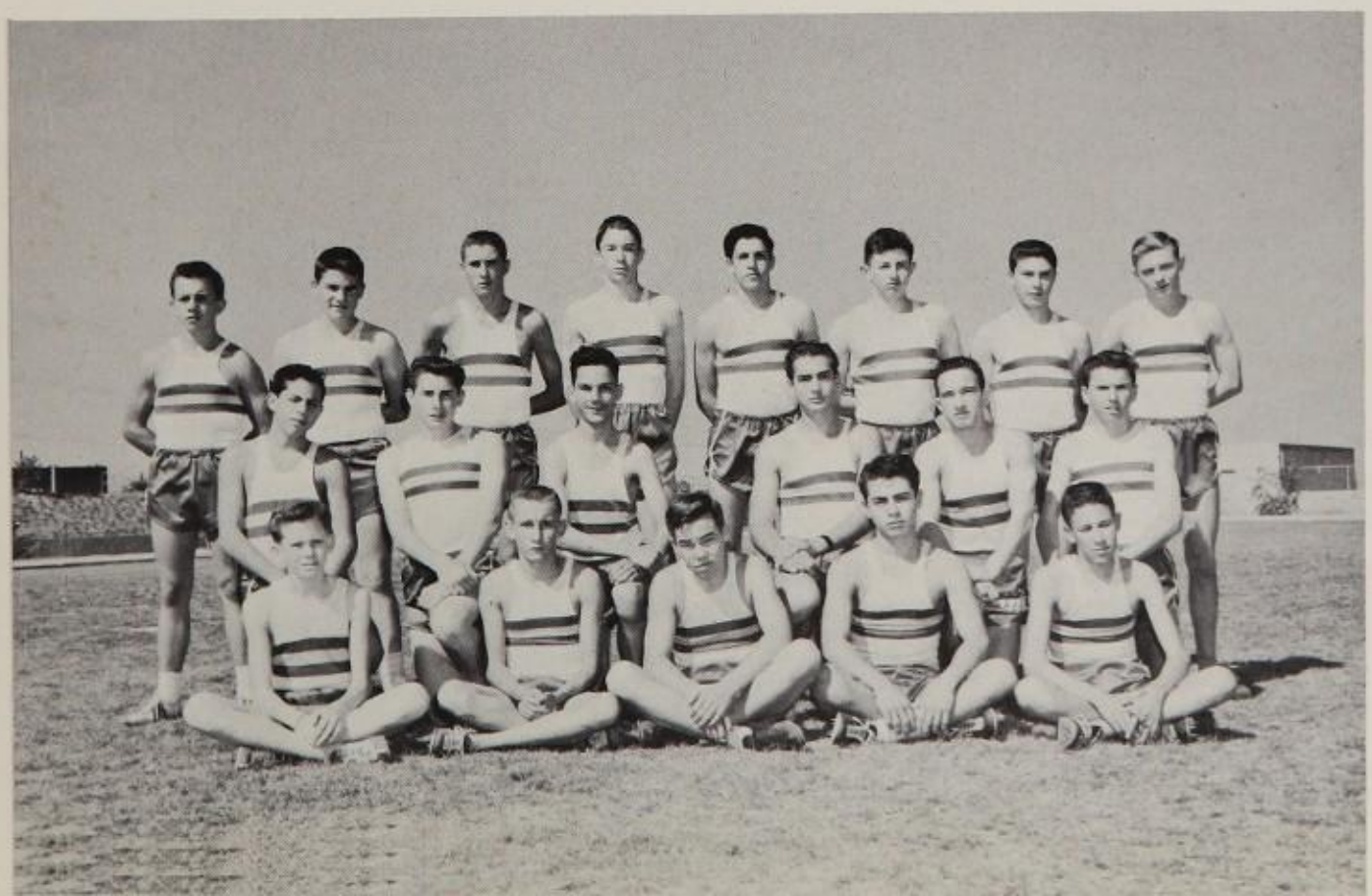
Sparked by a fine host of varsity sprinters Taft's first varsity track team was well worth watching. Seeing to this were leading men Curt Hessler, Allan Bennett and Mike Hallinan who gave fine performances in the 100 and 400 respectively. Hurdler Terry Guerin racked up points as he ran the lows and highs. Running the mile and 880 were Jay Romais and Dick Bedal respectively who turned in some of the finer marks. In the broad jump Allan Bennett went all the way with his mark of 23'½" to down opponents in the meet with Granada Hills.

In spite of all the talents shown, Taft consistently placed lower than other teams as a near tie mark was lost by a weak relay team on the eleventh hour. Many dual meets were spoiled by our ever ailing, ever changing relay men as Ray Felix, Brad King and others gave always impressive but only once victorious showings. Taft was never disgraced and as a first year team it was a truly fine one.

FLYING HIGH, broad jumper Alan Bennett displays fame-winning form that carries him into number one position.

HAPPY HURDLER, Terry Guerin smiles contentedly as he wins first place for Taft in the varsity low hurdles. Favored Tom Eidson of Reseda (two lanes over) takes second position.

Cee track men can be proud of their efforts to overcome a weak field team by producing the finest crop of Cee sprinters around the valley. The work of Al Zdenek, Dave Alkire, and Larry Guerwitz proved strong in the 180 yard dash and all these proved powerful as runners. Bob Butler a Cee strong in low and high hurdles also went strong in the broad jump and ending his accomplishments by staying on the four man relay team with the above three sprinters. Bill Morong a strong 1320 man ends the host of little talents as the team placed low in league standing beating only Reseda in the last meet.



CEE TRACK — ROW 1: Smith, Butler, Biggs, Ruiz, Schetne. ROW 2: Guerwitz, Davis, Peck, Zdenek, Shaw, Brent. ROW 3: Armstrong, Obler, Ross, Alkire, Kay, Braunstein, Thall, Morong.

OUR ATHLETICS FEATURED STRONG MEN FROM THE HILLS

Dick Bedal

Alan Bennett

Mickey Cates

Jim Evans

Bill Gardiner

Sprinter Al Zdenek sweeps to a dramatic first place in the Bee 100 yard dash. The Toreador Bees went on to win the meet and cop the Valley League Championship.

Terry Guerin

Mike Hallinan

Kurt Hessler

Jay Romais

He copped the event with the greatest of ease. Describing Taft's gymnastics team, this phase specifically points to all the musclemen of Taft's first year team. Having worked together only this semester, the miniature Hercules' at every meet were able to chalk-up more points than expected. Averaging between 40 and 45 points out of 120 in each of ten meets, the varsity athletes narrowly missed winning on four different occasions, losing to Monroe by one point, to Franklin by 1½ points, Granada by 2½ points, and to Birmingham by 9 points. Featured in five out of eight events was skilled acrobat, Don Duke. A two-year letterman, Duke managed a first in high bar in every meet except one. Other standouts were Don Hartert in tumbling, high bar, and free exercise, and Pete Clemenson also in free exercise. First year roper, Jeff Gordon, maintained the number one position in a clocking of 4.5. Representing Taft at the valley prelims held here, the big athletes burned the Toreadors into permanent remembrance. The two big losses from graduation will be Don Duke and Don Hartert. The rest of the team being intact, it is believed that next spring's team will be bigger and stronger.

CONTORTIONIST! Going up and over is Tig Davis, showing his winning form with another vault.

Don Duke

Don Hartert

Pete Clememson

Jeff Gordon

Steve Mayer

Jerry Crandall

GYMNASTICS — ROW 1: Dennis Butler, Pete Clemensen, Stephen Mayer, Richard Miner, Jim Long, Don Hartert, Jerry Crandall, Don Duke. ROW 2: Jeff Hyder, Jack Harrison, Bill Gay, Ernst Drube, Bob Fuller, Ronnie Drake, Alan Gering, Grant Shoemaker, Jeff Gordon, Eric Leach, John Brack.

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Steve Russo and Steve Phillips always go to HULL BROTHERS LUMBER CO. when planning a building project. For all "do it yourself" supplies, go to Hull Brothers Lumber Co., 21350 Sherman Way, Canoga Park.

Gail Domonkos, Sharon Leach and Diane Twitchell truly makes enchanting pictures for Grant Shoemaker to gaze at. In their beautiful "Bridal Shop" dressed these girls are sure to be the belles of any ball. THE BRIDAL SHOP is located on 21517 Sherman Way, Canoga Park.

Grant Shoemaker looks at one of the many fine sports jackets at the STUART R. McDONALD MEN'S WEAR, 21710 Sherman Way, Canoga Park. He finds a wide assortment of dress and casual wear for all occasions.

Sue Stansbury and Sandy Speth are being helped by one of the friendly waitresses at BOBBY'S COFFEE SHOP, 22821 Ventura Blvd., in Woodland Hills. Bobby loves teenagers so this is the ideal place for after school snacks and lunch.

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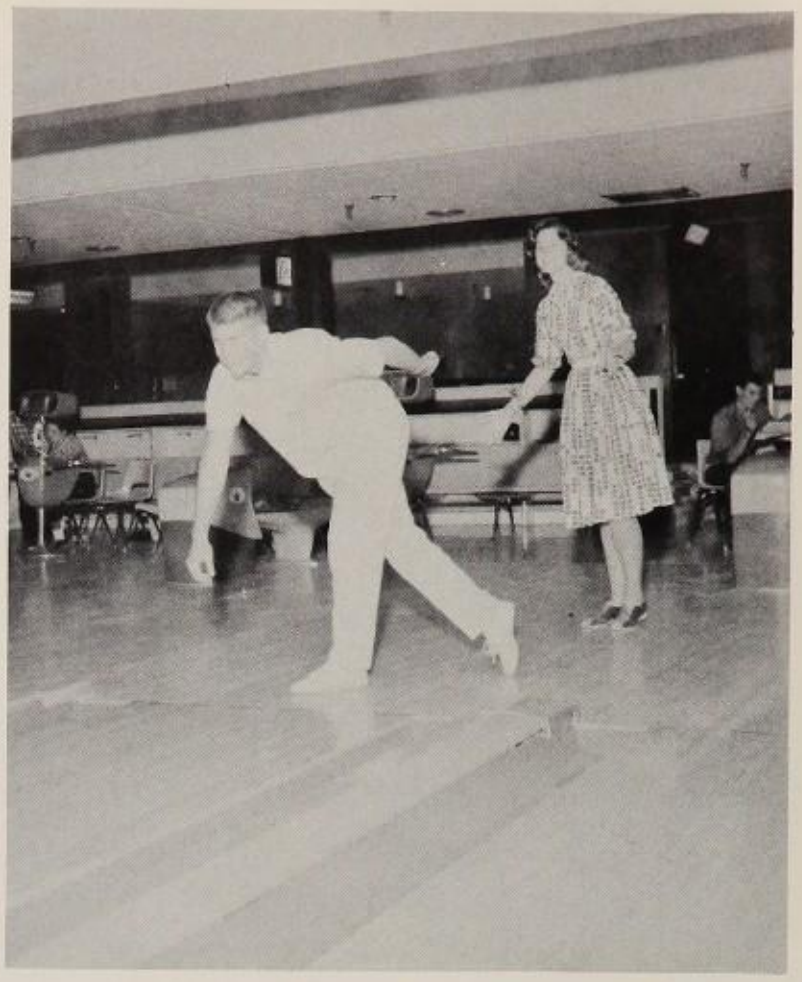

Rick Sutphin demonstrates his terrific bowling ability to excited Sharon Millhollen at WOODLAKE BOWL, 23130 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills. Remember the surprise dinner in the dining room—$1.75 adults, $1.00 for children. Be seated before 6:00 P.M.

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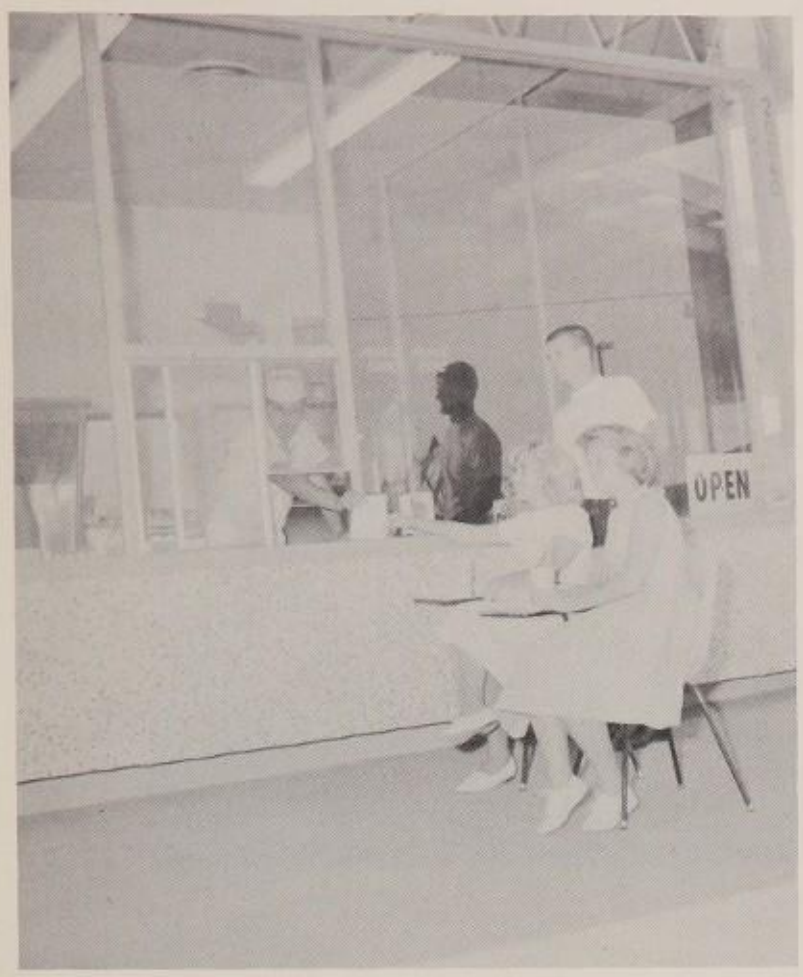

Diane Paullada, Sue Southworth and Rick Phillips seem to be enjoying the fine service given to Taft students by the TREAT-O-RAMA staff. Treat-O-Rama located at 20040 Ventura has become a favorite after school spot for Toreadors.

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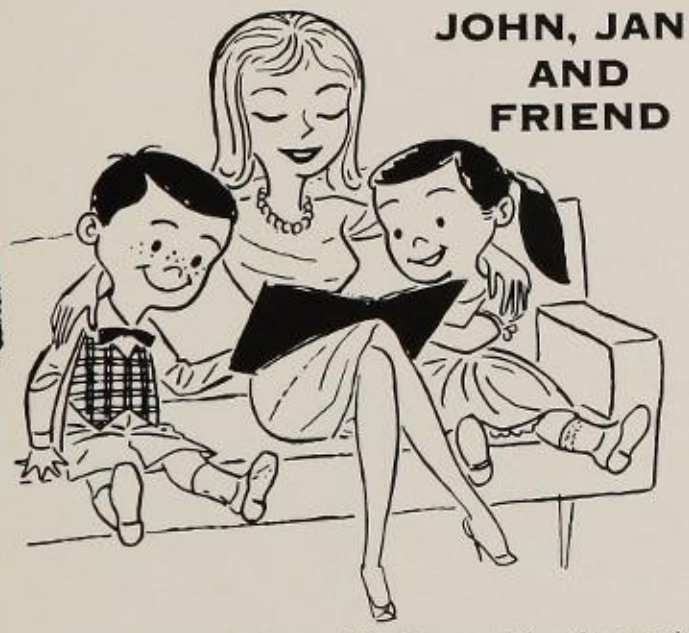

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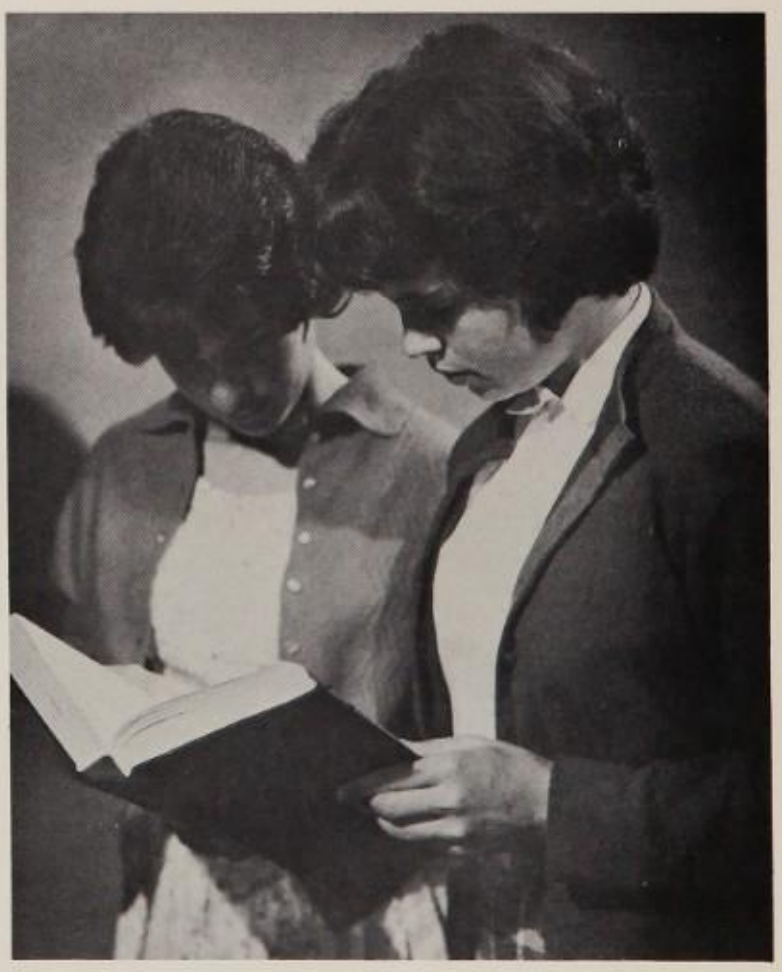

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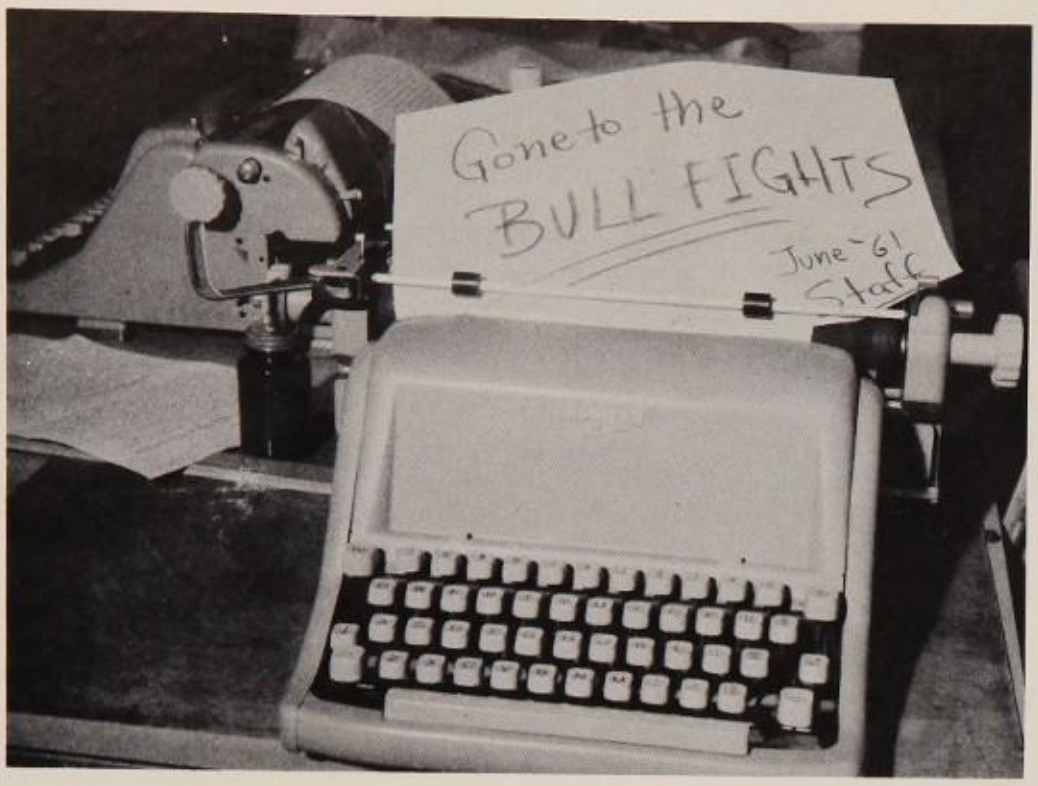

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Editor-in-Chief

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To a real
Bitchen guy. Fantastic
I wish you all the success
in the world. Our country needs
more men like you. Hold fast to
what you believe. "Best to you"
Tom Hall

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In the A-12.
Have fun this
summer.
Rick
Rufo

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Good Luck & Crafts?
Have a heart of fun.
Summer &
Year to you.
Donna Lilly

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getting to know
you in Pupio.
Have a blast
this summer
and I'll see you
next year.
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Dennis
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Dennis
Have a great
Pupio
Summer
Hope to see you
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Lots of luck
Sincerely
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Best of Luck
always & a real
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